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**"GREEDY BILL" LAMBASTED BY MYRON WALWYN**

During the National Democratic Party's (NDP) campaign launch on 18 March Sixth District candidate Myron Walwyn called for the partial repeal of the "Retiring Allowances Legislative Services Amendment Act", that was passed by the VIP administration and is publicly known as the "Greedy Bill".

Walwyn, who is an Attorney by profession explained that while he had no issues with the first part of the Act, which provides for a legislator's pension to be calculated under a full annual package, the second part he said, is "the height of political wickedness and greed".

According to the NDP Candidate, the law diverts resources away from pressing matters and towards providing excessive retirement benefits to legislators. He stated that under that Allowance Act,

a legislator who has served three terms in the House of Assembly will receive a gratuity of approximately \$250,000 to \$300,000 upon retirement if they are 50 years or older. In addition to this, the legislator will receive their current salary every month for the next three years, as if they were still working. After this period, they will receive half of their current salary for the rest of their life, resulting in a total of over \$600,000 in cash by the end of three years after retiring.

Walwyn highlighted that the law was passed by the current government in the midst of the pandemic. He argued that the people of the Territory would be paying the salaries for two governments at the same time - one that is working and one that is not working. The Sixth District Candidate therefore questioned how a government could do this to the people, many of whom



*Anegada Resident Receives Keys To New Social Home (GIS photo)  
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struggle every day to make a living for themselves and their children. Walwyn also compared the retirement benefits of legislators to civil servants, who have to work for 33 1/3 years to collect a

meager pension that does not consider the continuous rise of the cost of living. He stated that it was deceitful and immoral for legislators to pass legislation to benefit themselves while many social ills in the country

remained unaddressed. Following Walwyn's lambasting of the Allowance Act, a number of NDP candidates joined the call for the partial repeal; with Party Leader Hon. Marlon Penn

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promising to amend the legislation if his government is elected.

### VIP FIRES BACK

Following Walwyn’s announcement and the pledge of other political candidates to repeal the “GREEDY” Act, the Virgin Islands Party has responded by referring to some of the calls for repeal as hypocrisy. The subject of the Act and the repeal requests were addressed during VIP’s Lets Talk

radio programme on 21 March.

This subject was broached by VIP At Large Candidate Hon. Carvin Malone who fired back saying: “Look at it, who seconded that bill? The NDP, the NDP seconded the retirement package Bill. Who approved it? All yays – no nays! You’ll hear people talking – who benefited first from it – members of the NDP

benefited from it first.” Going a step further, Malone stated, “I am wondering now whether or not they will be prepared to pay back the monies. Now they have the buzz words, we will repeal part of it. When the invitation was given because since the government changed, and we had the National Unity Government the Premier has been behind

each of the members to have parts of it repealed – NDP, [said] leave it along, PVIM [said] leave it alone, PU [said] leave it alone. Now you go talking as if this is the first time you’ve heard this. It is amazing – but the record is there.”

While further insinuating that members of the Opposition were the ones who wanted the Act to remain as is, Hon. Malone repeated the phrase – Leave it Alone. He said: “That part that they want repealed it doesn’t affect me I’m first term...so you repeal it now – I never had it; but all who is there six

himself in the local campaign politics of the British Virgin Islands. He went on to criticize the endorsement as “not right” and urged the VIP to avoid going down this road, even if the endorsement had some value.

Skelton Cline declared that the



*Hon. Carvin Malone*

terms, three terms, two terms – leave it alone. We don’t want to go back there. Now you want to be talking as if this is the first time you’re hearing it; and the persons who got the first set of monies from it is on the air bellowing!”.

USVI Leader’s action breached tradition and faith with another Territory, and questioned how the USVI Governor would relate to the BVI premier after a change of government. He therefore urged the need for greater wisdom and prudence in political matters.

## USVI GOVERNOR BESTOWS KUDOS ON VIP



*Hon Kye Rymer*

On 18 March, the Governor of the US Virgin Islands (USVI), Albert Bryan Jr, gave a speech at the launch of the elections campaign for the incumbent Fifth District Representative Hon Kye Rymer. During his speech, Bryan encouraged the people of the BVI to vote for the Virgin Islands Party (VIP) in the upcoming 2023 General Elections. The USVI Governor stated that he believed the VIP was the best equipped to steer the Territory out of tough times. Governor Bryan emphasized that the two territories -- the USVI and the BVI, are one people and must work together. He further solidified his sentiments by noting that Virgin

Islands Party governments have enjoyed and fostered a much better relationship with the US Virgin Islands than other administrations.

The United States Virgin Islands Governor mentioned that he has family in the British Virgin Islands and has great admiration for the VIP Administration. He commended their resilience in weathering numerous challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, and the threat of a British takeover.

Additionally, Bryan stated that the Virgin Islands Party team had been through a tough time but remained standing and going strong. While comparing the US and British/UK Government response, the USVI Governor noted that the BVI received no significant assistance from the UK during the aftermath of the hurricanes and in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, while in contrast to the USVI received millions of dollars in aid from the US Government.

Governor Bryan therefore expressed his admiration for the Virgin Islands Party team, stating that they had really strived and made it through the darkest of days for the people of the British Virgin Islands. As such, he urged the people of the Territory to vote for the VIP.

The USVI Governor also commended the Virgin Islands Party team for their strength and endurance, despite the numerous challenges they have faced. His speech serves as a reminder of the power of perseverance and the importance of electing leaders who can lead in times of crisis.

### BRYAN’S ENDORSEMENT CRITICIZED

The VIP endorsement that was provided by USVI Governor Bryan was blasted by political commentator Claude Skelton Cline during his 21 March Honestly Speaking radio programme; labelling it as unethical and unwise.

Skelton Cline referred to the endorsement as unprecedented, and questioned why the USVI Governor would involve

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## “OUR COUNTRY IS UNDER A DARK CLOUD” DR. PICKERING SAYS

Dr. Kedrick Pickering, a former deputy premier and current independent candidate for the National Democratic Party (NDP), recently spoke at a public meeting held at The Stickett. During the meeting, he expressed his relief at not being a member of the House of Assembly during the last four years; and noted that his name has never been linked to any of the scandals that have rocked the Territory.

Dr. Pickering, who lost as an independent candidate in the last General Elections, stated that he stood by his principles and beliefs. He also highlighted the importance of taking the

current state of the Territory seriously. He also stressed that the Territory is facing difficult times, including issues of corruption and audit reports that have left a dark cloud hanging over the BVI.

The NDP At Large candidate said, “Our country is under a cloud, a dark, dark cloud. We are dealing with the Commission of Inquiry and the commission report. We are dealing with issues of corruption and issues of various reports and audit reports that have left a dark cloud hanging over our country.”

While emphasizing that he was not implicated in any

corruption matters during his years of service to the Territory Pickering stated: “And I want you to pay attention to this. Listen carefully. I live right where I was born and grew up. I have two professions — had two professions — the medical one and the political one that I have been in for the last how many years. Over 37 years in medicine and 20 years in politics. You never heard my name called in anything, have you?”

“With all the Commission of Inquiry and all the people whose names have been called, you haven’t heard my name been called in anything because

I stood up for what I believed in. In the last election, I ran as an independent. I ran as an independent because there were things that I didn’t appreciate. There were things that were against my conscience and I decided to step aside. I lost the election and I don’t regret it because I stood tall,” he added.

Dr. Pickering who is now running as an At Large candidate expressed his enthusiasm and readiness to serve the Territory again. He also stated that he is re-energized and renewed to take on the next mile of his journey. During the NDP At Large candidate who served as Seventh District Representative



Dr. Kedrick Pickering

for 20 years also endorsed Perline Scatliffe-Leonard, an independent candidate for the Seventh District, as the best candidate to represent the area.

## ALLEN O’NEAL ACCUSES VIP GOV.T OF “WASTING \$60MILLION”

During the National Democratic Party’s (NDP) campaign launch on 18 March At-Large candidate Allen O’Neal didn’t shy away from addressing the controversial issues surrounding the Virgin Islands Party (VIP) and its past leader, former Premier Andrew A. Fahie. In his speech, O’Neal accused the VIP government of wasting \$60 million of taxpayers’ money. O’Neal therefore called for voters to use the upcoming polling day on 24 April as a referendum on the “corrupt VIP.”

O’Neal, who served as Director of Tourism in 1975 spoke passionately about

the need for transparency and accountability in the government. He criticized the VIP for wanting the people of the BVI to forget about Fahie’s arrest in the US on 28 April, and accused the VIP of being a corrupt government. He urged voters not to ignore the “elephant in the room” and to use their vote to hold the VIP accountable for their actions.

O’Neal went on to address the issue of COVID relief and stimulus, pointing out how the US government had distributed funds in a fair and equitable way, while the BVI government had given large sums of

money to single individuals, leaving others with nothing. He also highlighted the government’s failure to address the East End/Long Look sewerage situation, which he claimed had been neglected for too long.

O’Neal further accused the VIP government of being a government of closure, citing the closure of public buildings in North Sound. He mentioned that the Port of Entry in that area has been out of business, as well as the clinic. The NDP At Large candidate also emphasized how this had taken away people’s hope, especially the elderly, who relied on these services.

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**T** - take a few deep breaths

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## BVI International Arbitration Centre Announces NEW Arbitration Committee President

TORTOLA, British Virgin Islands (1st March 2023) – The British Virgin Islands International Arbitration Centre (BVI IAC) today announced the appointment of Dancia Penn OBE, KC as its new Arbitration Committee President.

As the new Arbitration Committee President, Mrs. Penn will chair a 20-member Committee established under The BVI IAC Arbitration Rules, 2021 to ensure the application of The Rules.

Dancia Penn is a respected and experienced arbitrator, mediator, and senior practicing lawyer in the British Virgin Islands. Mrs. Penn is also a former Attorney General of the British Virgin Islands, and has held various other senior positions in public life. Her extensive legal experience, in the Caribbean and beyond, encompasses contentious and non-contentious corporate, commercial and regulatory matters in a wide variety of areas. She has the unique distinction of having served in all three branches of Government and appearing in the Courts at all levels including The Privy Council.

Mrs. Penn regularly sits as Chair or Member of various arbitration and ad hoc tribunals and represents parties before them. She will continue to accept arbitral appointments in the British Virgin Islands and elsewhere, which are not being administered by the BVI IAC, as well as ad hoc arbitrations.

Following her appointment, the new Arbitration Committee President, Dancia Penn said, "I am delighted to accept the appointment as President of the BVI IAC Arbitration Committee at this very exciting time. There are several new and interesting initiatives planned for the BVI IAC and I am looking forward to working with my colleagues on the Arbitration Committee and the BVI IAC to carry out the important responsibilities. In closing Mrs. Penn also



*Dancia Penn OBE, KC*

highlighted that the Committee is made up of a diverse and experienced group of arbitrators who are very committed to working together to fulfil the mandate of the BVI IAC. Shan Greer, CEO BVI IAC added, "I am honoured that Dancia Penn has agreed to serve as the next President of the Arbitration Committee. Her years of experience and commitment to dispute resolution make her an ideal candidate for the position. We look forward to working with her as she undertakes this very important role under the BVI IAC rules."

The 20-member committee represents five different regions of the globe supports: Caribbean, Americas, Europe, Africa & Middle East, and Asia, complementing the skillset and diversity of the BVI International Arbitration Centre Panel.

The 20-member Arbitration Committee of the BVI International Arbitration Centre are:

- Prof. Albert Fiadjoe Member
- Angeline Welsh Member
- Apoorva J. Patel Member
- Bertha Cooper-Rousseau Member
- Christian Albanesi Member
- Christine Artero Vice-President
- Dancia Penn OBE KC President
- Emilia Nyema Member
- Funke Adekoya Member
- Dr. Jane Fedotova Member

- Dr. Karim Youssef Member
- Katharine Menendez de la Cuesta Member
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- Maria Irene Perruccio Member
- Peter Ferrer Member
- Sherlin Tung Member
- Tana'ania Small Davis KC Member
- Thomas Granier Vice-President
- Timur Aitkulov Member
- Victor Bonnin Reynes Member

About the British Virgin Islands International Arbitration Centre

*The BVI IAC was established to meet the rapidly evolving dispute resolution needs of arbitration users worldwide.*

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## VI Community Advised To Analyse And Assess Buildings

The Virgin Islands community is being urged to be strategic in the way it analyses and assesses buildings as the Environmental Health Division seeks to bring awareness to indoor air quality issues.

Chief Environmental Health Officer, Mr. Lionel Michael said while mold is to be considered among indoor air quality concerns, other factors such as ventilation, the ability to get fresh air into buildings, exhaust, stale air, housekeeping and external contaminants entering the building must be considered.

"That is why it is imperative that we intensify our efforts to analyse and assess buildings, not just from an engineering and availability standpoint." Mr. Michael said. He also advised persons to consider architectural, spatial, functionality and airflow before occupying a building.

Mr. Michael said the division started out assessing buildings for air quality issues more intensely in 2018 after the passing of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017. He said in assessing buildings for air quality, parameters including carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, temperature, humidity levels, housekeeping, building layout, general sanitation and water intrusion are considered.

According to the Chief Environmental Health Officer, data has revealed that main problems associated with poor indoor air quality include high concentrations of carbon dioxide, moisture, high air temperatures combined with very little to no ventilation and uncomfortable office settings.

He added that other general sources of air pollutants indoors include furnishings, cleaning products, maintenance and personal care products along with outdoor sources such as vehicle exhaust, sewage and the Sahara Desert dust.

"If you can see mold in a building that means that moisture is coming in from somewhere, because mold cannot grow without moisture. There may also be mold coming inside from sources outside such as trees, galvanize, garbage and other products that can blow the mold inside," Mr. Michael highlighted.

Persons having concerns regarding in-door air quality issues should first assess their homes and businesses and may contact the Environmental Health Division for advice at 468-5110.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development is committed to improving the health of the people of the Virgin Islands.

## PURPORTING TO BE OFFICIAL CANDIDATES DISCOURAGED

Persons who do not intend to contest the 2023 General Elections as official candidates are strongly discouraged from creating imagery and other messaging suggesting otherwise, as this may negatively affect the electoral process by creating confusion among voters.

For more information on the electoral process, persons can contact the Office of the Supervisor of Elections at 468-4380 or [electionsvi@gov.vg](mailto:electionsvi@gov.vg) and visit [bvi.gov.vg/elections](http://bvi.gov.vg/elections).





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The BVI Airports Authority (the Authority has announced that the Auguste George International Airport on Anegada will resume the processing of international flights effective Monday, March 20.

Additionally, the Authority stated that "Night Operations" will be

available in both aspects of the operations (International flights and night operations) but will be conducted with the following limitations:

All flights intending to operate into or out of the Auguste International Airport (domestic/international flights and day/night operations), shall

submit their request at least 2 hours in advance of the proposed flight (s) to: the BVIAA Operations Department via email ops@bviala.com; or contact the Director of Operations at 1 (284) 346 7763.

Her Majesty Customs via email: bvicustoms@gov.vg; or contact the Deputy Commissioner of Customs

at 1 (284) 468 9280. the Immigration Department via emails immigrationinfo@gov.vg; ndemming@gov.vg; rwilliams@gov.vg; dvanterpool@gov.vg; or contact the following Immigration personnel:

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Deputy Chief Immigration

Officer- 1 (284) 468 9718  
Chief Immigration Officer - 1 (284) 468 9527

Anegada Immigration Officer - 1 (284) 468 9601

Pilots are to orient themselves with the published NOTAMS/AIP Supplements for the Auguste George International Airport, prior to operating at the aerodrome.



### PROGRAM LISTINGS

#### MONDAYS

- (1:00 PM) OMOJA - WITH EDJU EN KA
- (5:00 PM) TALKING POINTS - WITH MRS. VIOLET GAUL
- (7:00 PM) INSPIRATION MONDAYS - WITH MEADE MALONE
- (7:30 PM) TRANSFORMING YOUR TOMORROW TODAY - BY TRANSFORMATION CHURCH INTERNATIONAL
- (8:00 PM) NDP RADIO PROGRAM (1ST & 3RD MONDAYS) - BY THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY
- (8:00 - 9:00 PM) NEW COVENANT PRAYER LINE (EVERY 2ND MONDAY) - NEW COVENANT MINISTRIES

#### TUESDAYS

- (5:00 PM) HONESTLY SPEAKING PROGRAM - WITH CLAUDE SKELTON CLINE

#### WEDNESDAYS

- (10:00 AM) THE MORNING SHOW - WITH PAUL HEWLETT
- (1:15 PM) OMOJA - WITH "EDJU EN KA"
- (7:00 - 8:00 PM) DYAS VOICE PROGRAM - (2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAY) WITH DEPT. OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
- (7:00 - 9:00 PM) THE HOT SEAT REVISED PROG. - (1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY)
- (8:00 - 10:00 PM) THE HOT SEAT REVISED PROG. - (2ND WEDNESDAY) WITH CARL DAWSON, JULIAN GORDON, AND WALWYN BREWLEY

#### THURSDAYS

- (5:00 PM) HONESTLY SPEAKING PROGRAM - WITH CLAUDE SKELTON CLINE

#### FRIDAYS

- (7:00 - 8:00 PM) BODY AND SOUL PROGRAM - WITH REV. DR. PASTOR MELVIN TURNBULL, DR. KEDRICK PICKERING, REV. MICHAEL ANTHONY, PASTOR CALVIN MILLS, AND REV. DR. KEITH LEWIS

#### SATURDAYS

- (8:00 - 10:00 AM) MORE TALK, LESS MUSIC - WITH ZOE AND JOE JACK
- (10:00 - 11:00 AM) KNOWLEDGE IS POWER HOUR
- (4:30 - 6:00 PM) SPORTS TALK - WITH CLEMENT "BONE CRUSHER" DONOVAN, AND ROY PICKERING (ALTERNATING WEEKS)
- (6:00 - 7:30 PM) A LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY - WITH HOSTS ULRIC SCATLIFFE & DR. HARLAN VANTERPOOL

#### SUNDAYS

- (7:15 - 7:30 AM) HOPE FOR TODAY B'CAST - BY: CHRISTIAN FAITH ASSEMBLY
- (7:30 - 7:45 AM) VOICE OF THE LAMB B'CAST - BY: TRINITY MORAVIAN CHURCH
- (7:45 - 8:00 AM) ADVENT EYE MINISTRY (2ND & 4TH SUNDAY) - BY: BRO. MICHAEL WILLIAMS
- (7:45 - 8:00 AM) FAITH BELIEVING B'CAST (1ST & 3RD SUNDAY) - BY: UPPER ROOM DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE, BOSTON, MA
- (8:00 - 8:15 AM) VOICE OF HOPE B'CAST - BY: APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH
- (8:30 - 9:00 AM) GOSPEL OF JESUS B'CAST - BY: GOSPEL OF JESUS EVANGELISTIC PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
- (9:00 - 9:30 AM) SHOCKING BIBLE PROPHECIES - BY: SEVENTHDAY ADVENTISTS CHURCHES
- (9:30 - 9:45 AM) AGAPE TOTAL LIFE BROADCAST - BY: AGAPE TOTAL LIFE CENTER
- (9:50 AM) HOLINESS AWAKENING B'CAST - BY: CHURCH OF GOD OF HOLINESS, BAUGHERS BAY
- (10:05 AM) REVEALED TRUTH B'CAST - BY: SHAMMAH DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES
- (10:35 AM) UNSHACKLED RADIO MINISTRY
- (12:30 PM) ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, SEA COWS BAY SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
- (1:30 PM) ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH (EXCEPT 2ND SUNDAY)
- (4:30 PM) HYMNS & THEIR MEANINGS PROG. (1ST & 3RD SUNDAY) - WITH BRENDA HERBERT STEWART
- (6:00 PM) METHODIST CHURCH MONTHLY SERVICE (1ST SUNDAY)
- (6:00 PM) ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH (2ND SUNDAY)
- (7:00 PM) YOUR GOSPEL MUSIC PROGRAM - WITH VALERIE LETTSOME AND CLAUDE PARILLON (LAST 3 SUNDAYS)
- (7:30 PM) "VICTORIOUS PRAISES" B'CAST - WITH SIS. ESMIE POTTER (2ND SUNDAY)

## District 7 Polling Station Is Now Church Of God Of Prophecy

The public is notified that the Church of God of Prophecy Worship Centre in Long Look is the new venue for voting in the Seventh District for Advance Poll and Polling Day. For more information, persons can contact the Office of the Supervisor of Elections at 468-4380 or electionsvi@gov.vg.

## Food Handlers' Session Scheduled For March 28

Food handlers are notified that the Environmental Health Division will be hosting a virtual Food Handlers Training Course on Tuesday, March 28 at 5:00 p.m.

Persons who are interested in attending the training are asked to register individually utilising their personal email before 12 noon on March 27 using the following link:

<https://bvigov.webex.com/webink/register/r93cfd018a89df9786a56dd05656a119>

For additional information, contact the division at 468-5110.

## The Cedar Tree Press announces its 2023 Literary Competition

Virgin Islanders and residents are invited to write a story or a poem telling the story of an ancestor.

The story must not be less than 1000 words and the poem not less than 30 lines..

The Competition is open to teenagers and adults. The closing date is July 31st, 2023..

For more information contact Verna Penn Moll  
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The Cedar Tree Press Literary Biennial Competition was first launched in 2020

The poetry winners were: Medita Wheatley and Denesha Jennings while the Short Story winners were: Dierdra Peters, Marlin Bass and Linette.Rabsatt



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **PRELIMINARY VOTERS' LIST AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION**

The Supervisor of Elections is informing the General Public that in accordance with Section 18 (5)(a) of the Elections Act, 1994 and Amendments, the Preliminary Voters' List for the 2023 is available for inspection for a period of four days from 17th – 21st March, 2023.

#### **Section 18**

**(5) Every preliminary list shall be open for inspection by the Public free of charge during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in each day for a period of**

**a) Four days after the publication**

**at such places as the Governor may direct in the local electoral district to which the list applies at the Elections Office and General Post Office.**

Every person who claims that his/her name, address or occupation has been wrongfully stated or omitted from the Preliminary list for the Local Electoral District shall give notice to the Supervision in Form No. 3 within 4 days after the publication of the said list.

Every person whose name appears in the Local Electoral District Preliminary List may object to any other person whose name also appears therein as not being entitled to have his/her name therein, shall give notice to the Supervisor of Elections in Form No. 4 within 4 days after the publication of such list.

All claims or objections must be filed at the Elections Office, between the 17th - 21st March, 2023. Forms are available at the Elections Office.

**The Public is ask to take note and act accordingly.**

*Scherrie Griffin*

**Supervisor of Elections**

**Elections Office**

**17th March, 2023**



## GLOBAL MONEY WEEK 2023

Tortola, British Virgin Islands – 18th March 2023 - **MONEY MATTERS BVI (MMBVI)**, the financial literacy education program at the BVI Financial Services Commission (“the Commission”), will again take the lead in the British Virgin Islands’ celebration of GLOBAL MONEY WEEK 2023.

GLOBAL MONEY WEEK (GMW), which is organised

by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, International Network on Financial Education (OECD/INFE), is a global awareness-raising campaign on the importance of ensuring that young people, from an early age, are financially aware, and are gradually acquiring the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and behaviours necessary to make sound financial

decisions and ultimately achieve financial well-being and financial resilience.

The global youth initiative has grown steadily since its initial launch in 2012; GMW expects to mount participation this year from over 53,000,000 children and young people and has support from over 16,000 organisations in 176 countries worldwide, including the British Virgin Islands. The coordinated effort will see a variety of activities taking place, from financial literacy fairs, financial education workshops, and public debates, to visits to financial institutions.

This year MMBVI has partnered with over 15 local financial institutions to enable over 500 students from schools around the Territory to get behind-

the-scenes access and information that will broaden their perspectives regarding the importance of money and what it can facilitate for individuals, businesses, and the economy. The BVI public can also look forward to an exhibit of student competitor banks prepared for the MMBVI annual Piggy Bank Pageant.

GMW will launch on Monday, 20th March, with a digital opening ceremony streamed from Paris; the celebration will run through 26th March. This year’s theme is ‘Plan your money, plant your future’.

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the BVI Financial Services Commission – Mr Kenneth Baker, again emphasised the importance of messages reinforced by GLOBAL MONEY WEEK, stating that “at the very root of what the

BVI represents, as a premier global financial centre is the need to understand how money works and the range of products that are available in the financial market to allow both businesses and individuals to achieve their goals.” Mr Baker added, “this why is it so important for the Commission’s financial education unit to use opportunities like GLOBAL MONEY WEEK to continue to inspire youth toward becoming more financially aware individuals.”

For more details on GLOBAL MONEY WEEK 2023 activities, and the work of MONEY MATTERS BVI, persons may call 852-4777 or visit the MMBVI Facebook page @ moneymattersbvi.



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- a) Daily cleaning, mopping and dusting of the Corporation’s Administration, Transmission and Distribution and Information Technology Offices at Long Bush;
- b) Daily cleaning, mopping and dusting of all rooms offices and general floor areas at the Henry Wilfred Smith Power Station and Inventory Management Unit at Pockwood Pond;
- c) Vacuuming of carpets, cleaning of blinds, desks ceiling fixtures and upholstery;
- d) Washing of all windows on a monthly basis;
- e) Responsible for supplying all cleaning materials and products;

The Corporation has the right to accept or reject any tender and to annul the tendering process at any time prior to the award of contract without thereby incurring any liability to the affected tenderer or tenderers and is under no obligation to give any reason for such action.

The tenderers must submit the following:

- 1) A copy of a valid trade licence.
- 2) A copy of certificate of good standing from the Social Security Board, National Health Insurance and the Inland Revenue Department.
- 3) Two (2) references.

The tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope with a return address and clearly marked “Tender for Cleaning Services 2023” and addressed to:-

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# Statement by the Honourable Melvin M. Turnbull Brewers Bay Restroom Facility Update



Hon. Melvin M. Turnbull

Good day to the people of the Virgin Islands. I am urged to give clarity on the ongoing construction of the restroom at Brewers Bay Beach based on inaccurate information given on talk shows and online media. An initial sum of two hundred and thirteen thousand dollars (\$213,000.00) was budgeted for the completion of this project. Of this amount, K&C Construction was awarded a contract for one hundred and twenty-four thousand, two hundred and fifty-eight dollars and seventy cents (\$124,258.70). A contract was also awarded to Connect Enterprises Limited for installation of a treatment sewage plant for sixty thousand, four hundred and fifty-seven dollars and ten cents (\$60,457.10); which has been installed thus far at their own expense and is 75% complete. Finally, there

would be additional costs for installation of electricity, water, countertops and an access ramp.

As works progressed, the budget was adjusted to total two hundred and thirty eight thousand, two hundred and seventy-two dollars and eleven cents (\$238,272.11), to account for critical design changes and material costs, for a difference of twenty-five thousand, two hundred and seventy-two dollars and eleven cents (\$25,272.11).

It is accurate that The Cabinet of the Virgin Islands recently approved one hundred and one thousand, one hundred and one dollars (\$101,000.00); however, these monies are toward the predetermined budget. No additional budget items were added to the project and the difference of \$25,272.11 was carefully vetted and determined to be necessary.

The amount recently approved by cabinet contributes to the following activities:

- To complete payment of the remaining amount of the contract with K&C Construction;
- To complete the supply and installation of a sewage treatment plant;
- To complete the installation of electricity for the facility;
- To complete the installation

of the countertops for the facility;

To complete the installation of a ramp; and

To complete the installation of water for the facility.

In closing, I wish to acknowledge the public for their rightful interest and concern surrounding the economical management of funds toward community developments. Your request for accountability matters to

me and the public servants who work within the Second District and the Ministry for Natural Resources and Labour. I therefore assure you that the funding approved for this project has been carefully allocated, and is for the sole purpose of construction and the complementary works listed.

A functional bathroom that is accessible to the public and managed by an appropriate

governmental entity has been a long time need for this community, beach patrons and event organizers. Added functionality of the beach will increase its value and use. I remain committed to following through with the commitments made to the people of the Second District and will continue to do so in a manner that is financially responsible

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## Accelerating Change For World Water Day

Premier and Minister of Finance Dr. the Honourable Natalio Wheatley has said that it is critical to increase sustainable access to water and coordinated initiatives toward financing the management of the resource are essential for the overall development of the Virgin Islands.

Premier Wheatley in remarks to mark the observance of World Water Day 2023 said the Government of the Virgin Islands remains committed to mitigating the implications of water shortages, through the plan to add a reservoir to service Paraquita Bay, and the formulation of a water policy for agricultural producers.

Premier Wheatley who is also the Minister responsible for Agriculture and Fisheries said that this year, World Water Day

with the theme, "Accelerating Change", significantly coincides with Farmers and Fishers' Week in the Virgin Islands.

The Premier added, "Although water remains a fundamental input for sustaining agricultural production, unfortunately, due to environmental factors like climate change, water as a resource is becoming increasingly scarce. In fact, it is expected that by the year 2050, the global population will surpass 10 billion, necessitating a redoubling of efforts for more robust agriculture systems that are underpinned by effective irrigation infrastructure."

This year's Farmers and Fishers' Week is operating under the theme "Farmers and Fishers, Building the Third Pillar of the Economy",

and Premier Wheatley emphasised that capitalising on the economic potential of agriculture and fisheries through meeting the increasing demand for food, will involve a multifaceted approach to water management.

Meanwhile, Director of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Mr. Theodore James, stated that agricultural producers and food processors are the largest consumers of water. He explained that water is required for day-to-day operations including tending to livestock, and the cultivation of healthy plants.

Mr. James said, "In order for local farmers to produce food for the Virgin Islands, an accessible and consistent water supply is paramount. The lack of water severely

## Seven Seas Water Group Awards British Virgin Islands' Students in Celebration of World Water Day 2023

(British Virgin Islands) – Seven Seas Water (BVI) is pleased to commend the success of the recent National Science Fair where students from around the Territory competed in a S.T.E.A.M. Extravaganza: Innovate,

Create & Solve! Today, in honor of World Water Day 2023, Seven Seas is proud to acknowledge the following recipients of the Seven Seas Prize for Water Science:

- Secondary Division: Nijah Vanterpool, Homemade Hydroelectric

Generator, Claudia Creque

Educational Institute. School Prize \$1,000; Student Prize \$250 Gift

Certificate

- Primary Division: Khymari Davis, Climate Change and the Water Cycle Francis Lettsome Primary School. School Prize, \$500; Student Prize \$150 Gift Certificate

"We wish to congratulate the winners, their parents, teachers and schools, the Ministry of Education, the BVI National Commission for UNESCO, fellow sponsors, the organizing committee under the

chairmanship of Education Officer, Ms. Renee Weston, and all participants in the 2023 National Science Fair," said Noni Georges, Managing Director of Seven Seas BVI. "As a major sponsor of the event, we were satisfied to see a number of water science entries and even a few wastewater entries and we look forward to supporting this competition for years to come." "Water resources, water and wastewater science and technology make all aspects of home, business, and school in the Virgin Islands possible", said Deputy Plant Manager of Seven Seas, Kevon Smith. "Having been a past national science-fair competitor myself, we are keenly aware that our future plant managers, engineers, operators and professionals are among this and following years' competitors. Congratulations to all of the participants and the wonderful presentations and water filtration projects that were submitted. We will be watching this category for further development. After all, desalination is the application of advanced filtration technology."





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## Anegada Resident Receives Keys To New Social Home



Homeowner, Mr. Carlton Benners and his caretaker have received the keys to a brand new home as part of the Government of the Virgin Islands Housing Recovery Assistance Programme.

The keys were handed over to Mr. Benners by Minister of Health and Social Development Honourable Marlon Penn on Monday, March 20 on Anegada. The home was built by Lawrence Wheatley Construction.

Honourable Penn said the process of rebuilding homes after Hurricanes Irma and

Maria began in 2017 and that the government has put approximately \$15 million dollars into the housing recovery programme.

Minister Penn said, "We are happy to be able to continue the process and continue to assist the people in the community who are struggling with these vulnerabilities."

"I am looking at the home right now and Mr. Benners has one of the sturdiest homes I have seen on Anegada and the contractors have attested that it is built on bedrock which means it will stand firm through the test of

time," the Minister added.

Honourable Penn also applauded the Housing Unit at the Ministry of Health and Social Development for their continued work in rebuilding houses for vulnerable citizens.

"There are many issues that we faced throughout the last five to six years and I want to commend them for the work they have done and the previous minister as well because the government is a continuum," he said, adding, "We all work in the best interest of the people and it is the ultimate objective for all of us."

A total of 19 social homes have been built while over 200 homes have been repaired since the commencement of the programme. Currently, eight social home projects are at various stages of the public tendering process.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development is committed to improving the health and well-being of the people of the Virgin Islands



## 'Breathe In Breathe Out' Workshop On March 30

The Ministry of Health and Social Development will be hosting a "Breathe in Breathe Out" workshop next week to present the latest update for the current global treatment guidelines for asthma in adults.

The workshop will be held on Thursday, 30th March from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. via a virtual platform and is geared towards clinicians (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians) caregivers, other professions such as teachers, persons suffering from asthma and persons who wish to empower themselves with such lifesaving information.

Chief of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Services, Mrs. Gracia Wheatley-Smith said the workshop will address how the overuse of salbutamol in an inhaler to relieve symptoms of asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease can result in morbidity and premature death.

"It will explain why salbutamol should be used with an inhaled corticosteroid and why the long acting beta agonist formoterol and an inhaled corticosteroid budesonide is now the preferred treatment," Mrs. Wheatley-Smith said.

The Chief of Drugs said the workshop will also seek to explain the role of oral prednisolone in the treatment of asthma.

"Worldwide asthma accounts for hundreds of thousands of deaths annually. Avoiding triggers can help to reduce asthma attacks," Mrs. Wheatley-Smith said adding, "These triggers include smoke, dust, fumes, grass, pollen, animal fur, furry stuffed animals, mold, strong soaps and perfumes."

Asthma is a non-communicable disease that is characterised by the inflammation and narrowing of the small airways in the lungs that result in the person experiencing symptoms such as cough, wheezing, shortness of breath and chest tightness. For this reason, the Chief of Drugs is advising all asthmatics to be especially aware of and avoid asthma triggers.

Persons interested in receiving lifesaving information and asthma best practices can do so by registering for the 'Breath in Breathe Out' workshop by emailing [grwheatley-smith@gov.vg](mailto:grwheatley-smith@gov.vg) or by calling 468-9850.

The workshop will be facilitated by Consultant, Past Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, Pharmaceutical Procurement Service, OECS/PPS Head, Mr. Francis Burnett. There is a \$10 registration fee and three Continuing Education credits will be available upon completion.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development is committed to improving the health of the people of the Virgin Islands.

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# GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

**SWITZERLAND** - Investors who held bonds known as CoCos were wiped out in the sale to UBS, triggering fears that banks will find it harder to borrow and in turn tighten credit.

The Credit Suisse takeover has shaken the European banking chessboard. In the heart of the Old Continent — although outside the jurisdiction of the European Central Bank as Switzerland is not part of the eurozone — the sale of a Swiss symbol was formalized last week. The sale to rival bank UBS upset the usual order of priority: the shareholders recovered part of their investment, while the holders of bonds known as contingent convertibles, or CoCos, have lost everything. In practice, it has made these bonds, which reinforce a bank's capital cushion in times of crisis, more expensive for lenders, since their holders are now demanding higher returns. In other words, banks will now pay more to finance themselves, which raises the risk that they will restrict lending to their own customers.

Investors in Credit Suisse convertible bonds, also known as Additional Tier 1 bonds (AT1), lost \$17 billion, which were fully written off. The shareholders, however, received the three billion Swiss francs (\$3.25 billion) that exchanged hands in the deal, which in any case was

far below the 7.5 billion that the bank had been worth before the operation. "Switzerland has crossed a red line whose immediate consequence has been to make bondholders nervous," explains Joaquín Maudos, deputy director of the Valencia Institute of Economic Research (IVIE) and a professor at the University of Valencia in Spain. The markets have significantly pushed up the required return on investment, almost doubling it in some cases. [El País]

**INDIA** - A district court in the state of Gujarat has sentenced India's opposition leader Rahul Gandhi to two years in prison following a criminal defamation case on Thursday.

The case revolved around comments Gandhi made in 2019 about the surname of Prime Minister Narendra Modi being associated with criminals.

Immediately after the conviction, the court granted him bail and suspended its order for a period of 30 days.

This gives the Congress party leader time to appeal at a higher court and saves him from being disqualified as a member of parliament.

In April 2019, ahead of general elections, Rahul Gandhi, now 52, was campaigning at a rally in the southern Indian state of Karnataka.

While addressing the crowd the

Congress leader asked — "Why all the thieves, be it Nirav Modi, Lalit Modi or Narendra Modi, have Modi in their names?"

Nirav Modi is a fugitive and diamond tycoon while Lalit Modi is the former chief of cricket's Indian Premier League.

The statement irked members of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which is led by Prime Minister Modi.

A criminal defamation case was filed against Gandhi by Purnesh Modi, a BJP legislator who said that the statement had offended everyone named Modi in India.

During the conviction, Gandhi was present in the courtroom in Surat, a city in Gujarat which is the home state of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Gandhi told the court that he made the comment to highlight corruption and not to defame any community. [Deutsche Welle]

**ROME** - The Italian government said Thursday that it has approved four decrees regulating the use of four different flours derived from insects after the European Union recently approved their sale for human consumption.

The decrees regard powders made from crickets, migratory locusts, mealworms and larva.

The decrees ban insect flours being used in some foods and oblige producers to make it very clear on labels when an item contains them.

"We will watch over the full respect of the measures announced today with the NAS health police, both regarding

the ban on using insect flours in foods that are typical of the Mediterranean diet, such as pizza and pasta, and on the labelling of the products that contain them, which will have to be visible and clear," said Health Minister Orazio Schillaci during a news conference. (ANSA).

**PARIS** — In a typically French move, France's top lawmakers are refusing to side with the United States and single out China's TikTok.

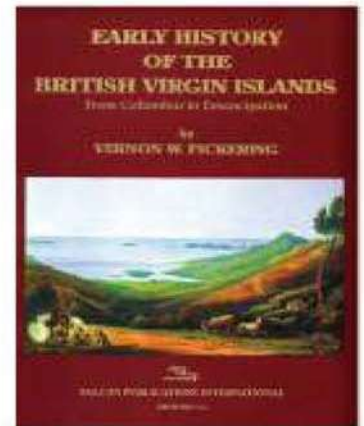
This week, top members of France's National Assembly strongly encouraged fellow MPs to "limit" their use of social media apps and messaging services, according to a damning internal email seen by POLITICO. The recommendation does include Chinese-owned TikTok — at the heart of a storm on both sides of the Atlantic — but also features American platforms such as Snap and Meta's WhatsApp and Instagram, alongside Telegram, founded by Russian-born brothers, and Signal.

"Given the particular risks to which the exercise of their mandate exposes MPs using these applications, we wish to appeal to your extreme vigilance and recommend that you limit their use," wrote Marie Guévenoux and Eric Woerth from Emmanuel Macron's Renaissance party and Eric Ciotti from conservative Les Républicains. [Politico eu]

**GRENADA** - Grenada To Impose 15% Tax On All Game Of Chance Winnings Over EC\$10000. Effective 1 March 2023, the Government of Grenada has decided to levy a 15% tax on all game of chance winnings exceeding EC\$10,000.

The 2014 legislation is an amendment to the Income Tax Act of 2010, approved by the Lower House or House of Representatives on 16 May 2014 and by the Upper House or Senate on 29 May 2014 of the then-Keith Mitchell Administration. It was not enforced, and no explanation was given.

According to the law, "winnings" refers to "cash winnings," and any reference to an amount or payment in relation to winnings is construed accordingly. "A withholding tax of 15% will only be charged on the excess over EC\$10,000 and not the full winnings," explained Mike Sylvester, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance. Wayne Redhead, a well-known bingo promoter, stated that he was made aware of law enforcement during a recent



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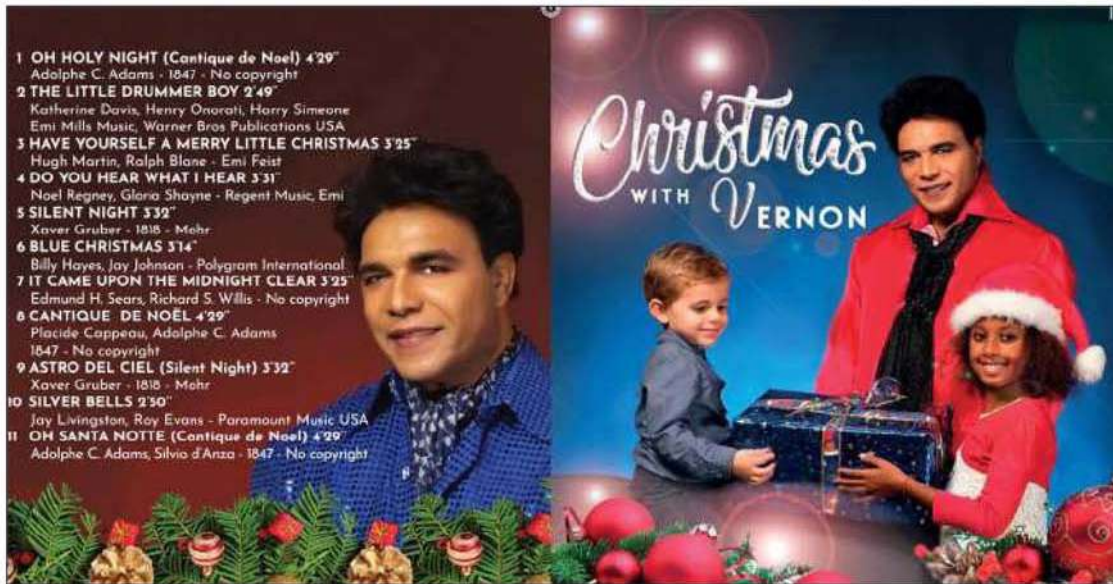
or contact [islandsun@surfbvi.com](mailto:islandsun@surfbvi.com) meeting with the Ministry of Finance. "I now have to educate my people about that law if the winnings exceed EC\$10,000," he explained. Redhead also runs a slot machine business.

All games of chance, including Lotto, Blast, and bingos, will be subject to the law. It will not be the individual's responsibility to pay the winnings directly to the Ministry of Finance. The promoter of the game of chance will make the deduction and pass it on to the ministry. [Caribbean News Now]

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** - Authorities in the Dominican Republic have arrested 19 people in a sweeping corruption case that accuses a well-known former presidential candidate and three former officials of embezzling nearly \$350 million and illegal campaign financing.

The arrests are the latest in a string of investigations that officials have launched in the past two years as part of a crackdown on rampant government corruption in the Caribbean country.

Among those detained Saturday night is Gonzalo Castillo, a former public works minister who won 37% of the vote when he ran as presidential candidate for the Dominican Liberation Party in the 2020 general elections won by current President Luis Abinader. [CNW]



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# The Sunny Side Up



Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



*White Bay -- Jost Van Dyke.*



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# Interact Club of Road Town beautified the 4th District

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**I**nteract Club of Road Town did some beautifying in the Fourth District during the weekend. The community-minded young persons donated and painted benches for the Lower Estate basketball court.

**W**hile there they also did some cleanup of the area. Following a job well done, the Interactors stated, "We hope the basketball players and guests enjoy the new seats. Special thank you to Lordon Hamlet at Northam Construction BVI for making the benches, they turned out amazing!"







## Ladyburd Talks...

Dear Readers: Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about spring cleaning your home. Spring cleaning is important for everyone, particularly if you're an allergy sufferer.

You owe it to yourself and your family to enjoy a clean that's more than dirt-deep.

Enjoying a healthy home isn't as hard you may think. Just follow our spring cleaning tips and tricks for allergy sufferers in 2023.

### Make a Schedule

Scope out your home: What areas need the most work? Where do you skip during routine cleaning? Those are the best places to start. Regardless of where you start, having a plan will keep you focused on the task at hand. Just go room by room.

### De-clutter

Studies show that a disorganized home adds to your stress level. It signals to your brain that work isn't done.

The scientific implications of inhaling dust, combined with the stress of coming back to a cluttered work space, can take a toll.

### Set aside some time to:

Dust and organize your office

Look through that dreaded junk drawer (and desk drawers!)

Organize your closets

You may be surprised how fresh you feel after you eliminate unnecessary stress from your life.

### Always Work from Top to Bottom

When you think about how to spring clean your home, it's important to start from the ceiling down. This will force debris downward and keep you from having to re-dust or re-clean your space. If you have a vacuum with an extension hose, use it to get cobwebs and dust from your ceilings and fans first.

Then dust your furniture and other items before vacuuming all the dust and debris off your floors. It will save you time.

Source: <https://www.sylvane.com/blog/spring-cleaning-tips-and-checklist/> (More next week)



## Ladyburd's Mail Box

delseitaliburd@msn.com or  
islandsunnewsp@gmail.com

Dear Ladyburd: Hope you are doing well. My situation is : I met someone on-line a few months ago and it is getting intense. I can almost say that I have fallen in love with him although we have not met face to face as yet, it is as if we knew each other a long time ago, we talk on line for hours. We are planning on meeting soon for our first date and jut though I would ask you for some tips about how to approach it. **Madly In Love**

Ladyburd: **Dear Madly In Love:** It is said you can find love anywhere and when you least expect it, and people have found love on line and live happily ever after, however, I am skeptical when it comes to love and the internet, because you truly cannot be sure if the person is genuine, by just chatting on-line and telling each other sweet nothings, unless its someone you knew before and this relationship blossomed into a relationship, as oppose to someone you have never met in person before face to face.

If you decide to go on this date, make sure your friends and family know where you are going. If you are meeting at a restaurant tell him to meet you at the restaurant and take a friend and have the friend sit at another table discretely, dont let it be obvious that you brought a friend, with all the crazy things going on these days in the world you have to safeguard yourself.

You never know, he maybe the one. Just be careful.



## Light Bulb Moments

\* "Don't wait for someone to bring you flowers. Plant your own garden and decorate your own soul." — Luther Burbank

\* "A kind word is like a spring day." — Russian Proverb

## Poetry Corner

### Charming Spring

Reminiscent melodies  
serenade the morning  
breeze.

Feathered creatures nest  
with care  
in cherry blossoms pink  
and fair.

Perfumed scent of roses  
flow.  
Tiny blades of green grass  
grow.

Misty showers soak the  
earth,  
glorious colors come to  
birth.

Gathering clouds come and  
go,  
rain, sun, and vibrant bow.

Dainty petals, fancy flair,  
dancing in the warm, sweet  
air.

Violets, yellows, purest  
white,  
graceful, gentle, welcomed  
sight.

Thank you, oh sweet lovely  
Spring,  
patiently waiting the  
charms you bring!

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## Tickle My Funny Bones



### Hiccup?

A guy goes to the doctor,  
"Do you have something against a  
persistent hiccup?"  
The doctor gives him a huge slap in  
the face and says,  
"Yes. Sorry.

This is the best treatment."  
The guy holds his cheek and says,  
"OK, it's actually my wife  
who's has the issue!

\*\*\*\*\*

### Late for Work

Judge asks the defendant,  
"Why did you steal that car,  
Mr. Jones?"  
Mr. Jones looks down,  
"I just had to get to work  
for an important meeting."  
The judge keeps asking,  
"Well why didn't you take a bus?"  
Mr. Jones looks up, surprised,  
"Don't you need a special license  
to drive the bus?"

## PUN INTENDED

"What do you call a man  
with no arms and no legs  
stuffed in your mailbox?  
... Bill."



# Interact Club of Road Town beautified the 4th District







**The Sunny Side Up**

**Savvy Shopping: Why Frozen Spinach Is the Best Bargain for Healthy Eating**

What's the best bargain in the frozen foods aisle? Want to guess, or shall I just tell you? OK, I'll tell you. It's frozen spinach in the little 10-ounce box. Tada!

Spinach makes me think of Popeye the Sailor Man. Every time he found himself in a perilous situation, he'd rip the top off a can of spinach, chug it down, and beat up the bad guys with his bulging forearms. The spinach was magical, like it was ... a superfood.

Now, we all know dark leafy greens actually are superfoods, and spinach is one of the most nutrient-dense of all foods. It's a great source of iron and other minerals, cancer-fighting antioxidants and vitamins A and K, which are important to bone health. It's good to note that cooking spinach increases access to nutrients. **We should be eating more of this, right?**

However, have you ever sauteed a huge mound of fresh spinach only to watch it wilt down to nothing? The major benefit of buying frozen spinach is having someone else do the wilting first, then pass the savings on to you.

Let's do a price comparison between fresh and frozen spinach, shall we?

One pound (16 ounces) of fresh spinach cooks down to 1 1/4 cups drained, which is equal to one (10-ounce) frozen package. At the time of writing (and at various stores in the Pacific Northwest), one (8-ounce) bag of fresh spinach costs between \$3 and \$6, and a 10-ounce box of frozen spinach costs between \$1 and \$2 dollars.

Here's the deal: It'll take two 8-ounce bags of fresh spinach to equal 10 ounces frozen. That's \$6 to \$12 fresh compared to \$1 to \$2 frozen. So it's definitely cheaper to buy frozen, and that's a big bang for your buck.

But frozen spinach isn't just a great bargain, it's also incredibly versatile. You can use it in pretty much any recipe that calls for cooked fresh spinach. Just don't go tossing it in your salad. That's just weird.

Instead, try dumping a box into your next soup or stew, add some to smoothies, into casseroles, hide some in meatloaf or burgers, add some to your favorite pasta dish, or use it as a topping for your morning eggs.

And if you're in the mood for a delicious protein-filled dish to sneak some extra greens into your diet, you'll love this recipe for crustless **Easy Cheesy Spinach Pie.**

- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- See optional ingredients below.
- Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease a 9-inch pie plate or spray with cooking spray. Defrost spinach and squeeze dry by wringing in a clean kitchen towel, then set aside.
- In a mixing bowl, beat the eggs then add all the remaining ingredients, mixing until blended.
- Pour the mixture into the prepared pie plate and bake for 40 minutes or until the center is set.
- If you want to dirty a skillet, you could saute and add any (or all) of the following optional ingredients: 1/2 cup chopped onion, 1/2 cup chopped red peppers, or 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms.

So next time you're browsing the frozen food aisle, remember: For a superfood that won't break the bank, go for the spinach. It's not just for Popeye anymore!

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**EASY CHEESY SPINACH PIE**

- Yield: 6 pieces  
Total Time: 50 minutes
- 1 box (10 ounce) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, drained
  - 4 eggs
  - 1 container (16 ounce) cottage cheese
  - 2 cups mozzarella or Italian blend cheese, shredded
  - 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated

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# Port Vila call for a just transition to a fossil fuel free Pacific

March 17, 2023

We, the Ministers and officials from the Kingdom of Tonga, the Republic of Fiji, Niue, the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Vanuatu, met for open, transparent and inclusive discussions with regional and international experts and civil society at the 2nd Ministerial Dialogue on Pathways for the Global Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels hosted in Port Vila by the Governments of Vanuatu and Tuvalu from 15-17 March 2023.

We are appalled by the fossil-fuel driven consequences of the unprecedented two Category 4 cyclones striking Vanuatu within four days. This is just the most recent example of the extensive and ongoing fossil fuel-induced loss and damage suffered by the people and communities of the Pacific Islands.

The science is clear that fossil fuels are to blame for the climate emergency. This is a crisis driven by the greed of an exploitative industry and its enablers. It is not acceptable that countries and companies are still planning on producing more than double the amount of fossil fuels by 2030 than the world can burn to limit warming to 1.5°C. As the UN Secretary General has said, fossil fuels are a moral and economic madness.

The Pacific will no longer accept the fossil fuel lie. We have the power and responsibility to lead, and we will. Pacific leaders called for the Paris Agreement to limit warming to 1.5°C, and have demanded an end to the development and expansion of fossil fuel extracting industries, starting with new coal mines. Pacific civil society has challenged the world to step up the fight for urgent fossil fuel phase out and effective climate action.

As leaders, on behalf of present and future generations, communities on the frontlines and all of humanity, we call for:

1) A Fossil Fuel Free Pacific and a global, just and equitable phase out of coal, oil and gas, including through:  
a. Adopting a Pacific Island Forum Leaders Declaration for a Just Transition to a Fossil Fuel Free Pacific as soon as possible, that empowers the Pacific to spearhead the unqualified, global, just and equitable phase out of coal, oil and gas production in line with global temperature goal of below 1.5°C,

including at the UN Secretary General's climate summit in September, at COP28, and beyond, including the avoidance of terminology such as "unabated" or "inefficient" that creates loopholes for fossil fuel producers and polluters.

b. Joining the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance and urging major oil and gas producers to join the Alliance, through committing to halting all new licensing rounds for oil and gas, and setting a Paris-aligned end date for production.

c. Calling for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and leading the creation of a global alliance to negotiate a new Treaty to govern the end to fossil fuel expansion, equitable phase out of fossil fuels, and a global just transition.

d. Committing to transparently disclose our fossil fuel investment and projects, and demand that all other governments do the same, including through the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative and Global Registry of Fossil Fuels.

2) New Pacific-tailored development pathways based on 100% renewable energy, including through:

a. Recognising the Pacific's strong identity, cultural heritage, and Indigenous commitment to environmental and social sustainability, and basing our transition on these traditional values.

b. Referencing fossil fuel phase out explicitly in our Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Long-Term Low-Emission Development Strategies (LT Leds), and developing national just transition plans, including through existing multilateral platforms.

c. Dramatically scaling up the deployment of renewable energy and energy efficient technologies across all sectors, including by transforming and scaling up our electricity systems, building on the Framework for Energy Security and Resilience in the Pacific, ensuring energy independence and resource resilience, and enabling sustainable air, maritime and land transport.

d. Urgently decarbonising land transport, including through scaling up the Pacific E Mobility Policy and Programme in our effort to support the decarbonisation of

land transport.

e. Calling for strengthening the Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (PCREEE) and the Pacific Maritime Technology Cooperation Center (MTCC-Pacific) to focus on Pacific-appropriate technology research, innovation and development to Pacific countries in cooperation with relevant partners.

f. Calling for the 5th Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Ministers (PRETMM) meeting to task the Pacific Community (SPC) with developing a regional strategy for carbon free maritime transport in collaboration with initiatives such as the Pacific Blue Shipping Partnership.

g. Working alongside civil society organisations, the private sector and other non-state actors, especially at the grassroots level, to progress the development and implementation of fossil free development pathways.

3) Expanded public and private finance for the just transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy at the scale required, with innovative, simplified mechanisms and reforms of existing financial institutions, including:

a. Calling on international partners to mobilise billions of USD needed in grant based financing and direct investments into the Pacific Island countries to ensure that transitioning out of fossil fuel dependent industries can take place in a just, fair and equitable way, resulting in socially and economically empowering paradigm shifts.

b. Reforming existing international financial institutions and climate finance mechanisms to enable scaled up, timely and easily accessible funding for this transition, and shifting to comprehensive country-wide transformational programming approaches. Financial institutions must be able to handle the climate finance needs of the Pacific to enable a just transition from fossil fuels and support adaptation and loss and damage needs in a rapid and timely manner.

c. Implementing and developing national capacity on innovative means of mobilising finance for a just transition, preferring that, where appropriate, any present, new and future financing for a just transition be mobilised through

multilateral development banks and existing facilities, such as the Pacific Resilience Facility.

d. Ending fossil fuel subsidies and other public finance for fossil fuel production globally, and redirecting this finance towards enabling the just transition away from fossil fuels.

4) Redoubled efforts to reaffirm, strengthen and codify legal obligations with respect to the global phase out of fossil fuels, including by:

a. Advocating for the unqualified, global, just and equitable phase out of coal, oil and gas in line with the global temperature goal of below 1.5°C in all international bodies and legal institutions, particularly for upholding the legal rights of redress of communities and peoples being impacted by the production and consumption of fossil fuels.

b. Calling for all nations to support the adoption of the Pacific's UN General Assembly Resolution seeking an advisory opinion on climate change obligations from the International Court of Justice, and making submissions to the Court ensuring that legal obligations and consequences related to fossil fuels are clearly articulated.

c. Calling for all nations to support the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law in seeking an advisory opinion from the International Tribunal Law of

the Sea on international law concerning climate change and sea level rise and obligations of States in protecting and preserving the marine environment.

d. Strengthening the rule of international and domestic law to prevent Ecocide and protect the human right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment from environmental degradation related to the extraction, production, supply and use of fossil fuels.

e. Calling for the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) to adopt legally binding obligations to establish a GHG levy that will facilitate the transition to carbon free maritime shipping and provide revenue for affected communities in the Pacific.

## Operationalising the Call

To drive the fossil fuel free pathways in this document, we agree to rapidly establish a Pacific Energy Commissioner for a Just Transition to a Fossil Fuel Free Pacific, with senior experienced leadership supported by leading technical experts and a regional taskforce, and funded by allies to a fossil fuel free world, to be formalised by Pacific Island Forum leaders in October 2023.

SOURCE: PICAN/PACNEWS

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## POLICE NEWS

### INVESTIGATIONS INTO IRREGULARITIES IN HM CUSTOMS CONTINUES

Wednesday, March 22 – Officers from the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force yesterday arrested another male on suspicion of fraud as inquiries into irregularities within HM Customs continue.

The male was released pending further investigations.

This latest arrest brings the total to three persons detained in relation to irregularities within Customs. To date, eight warrants have been executed with three of the warrants on vehicles. So far, no charges have been laid.

As this remains an ongoing investigation, no further information can be released at this time.



# CHOLESTEROL WHAT IS IT AND ARE YOU AT RISK?

Cholesterol is a fatty lipid, steroid and an alcohol found in the body tissues and blood plasma of vertebrates. It is the essential part of the outer membranes of human body cells, and it circulates in the blood.

Cholesterol in the human body comes from two major sources. About three-quarters of the body's total cholesterol is produced within the body, while only one-quarter comes from cholesterol in food.

Higher concentrations of cholesterol are present in body tissues which have more densely packed membranes i.e. the liver, spinal cord, brain, atheroma, adrenal glands and reproductive organs.

The liver is the most important site of cholesterol biosynthesis. It is secreted from the liver in the form of an acidic secretion known as bile.

Diets rich in animal fats, meat, poultry, fish, oils, egg yolks and dairy products are a rich source of dietary cholesterol. Organ meats, such as liver and kidney, are extremely rich in cholesterol content, but foods of plant origin contain no cholesterol.

High cholesterol levels in the bloodstream can influence the pathogenesis of certain conditions. Recent studies have revealed that the abundance of protein complexes called lipoproteins, are responsible for the cholesterol build-up in the blood vessels.

Cholesterol gets attached to these lipoproteins. The high-density lipoprotein (HDL) carries cholesterol out of the bloodstream for excretion, while the low-density lipoprotein (LDL) carries it back into the system for use by various body cells.

LDL cholesterol is called bad cholesterol, because elevated levels of it are associated with an increased risk of coronary heart disease. LDL deposits cholesterol on the artery walls which leads to the formation of a hard, thick substance called cholesterol plaque. Over time, cholesterol plaque causes thickening of the artery walls and narrowing of the arteries, a process called atherosclerosis.

The levels of both HDL cholesterol and LDL cholesterol may also determine risk for heart disease; however current medical opinion is that the ratio of HDL cholesterol to LDL cholesterol is much more important than the level of cholesterol.

## METHODS TO CONTROL YOUR CHOLESTEROL LEVELS:

Lower your consumption of foods containing saturated fats - fried fast foods, butter, cream, cheese, and fat on meat - to help reduce cholesterol. Add more plant foods to your diet vegetable oils, nuts, legumes, breads, cereal grains, fruits and vegetables. A low cholesterol diet, combined with regular exercise is the best way to lower cholesterol levels.

Medications can also help lower cholesterol levels. HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, Statins, such as lovastatin (Mevacor) and atorvastatin (Lipitor) are the most effective and widely used medications to lower LDL cholesterol. Other medications include nicotinic acid (niacin), fibrates such as gemfibrozil (Lopid),

resins such as cholestyramine (Questran), and ezetimibe, Zetia. These medications should be taken after consulting the experts.

More people are becoming aware of their own health and fitness needs in these modern times. As part of this new awareness of a person's general health is the realisation that cholesterol level is very important and having the correct level can reduce your chance of heart disease which is a major killer in the modern world.

The first thing to do is to get tested properly and find out what your cholesterol level is and then finding out importantly the difference between good cholesterol and bad cholesterol. The bad cholesterol is known as LDL Cholesterol the LDL stands for Low Density Lipoprotein. The good cholesterol is known as High Density Lipoprotein.

**Bad Cholesterol problems when too much LDL is circulating within your blood stream, it can slowly build up on the inner walls of your arteries . The arteries are extremely important in delivering fresh oxygen rich blood from the heart to the brain and other vital organs.**



The bad cholesterol builds up with other substances to form a plaque, a thick hard deposit that when it builds up reduces the diameter of the arteries and also makes them less flexible. This can lead to the following problem of a clot forming within the arteries which leads to a stroke or worse a heart attack.

Good Cholesterol HDL provides the defence against heart attacks. Between a third and a fourth of blood cholesterol that flows within your arteries is made up of HDL Cholesterol. The HDL Cholesterol is good at taking

the LDL Cholesterol from the Arteries to the Liver where the body can process it and it can be passed from the body safely.

The best course of action is to examine your diet and reduce the amount of fatty substances that you eat, lay off the desert menu. Take an Omega 3 supplement daily fish oils have a very good effect on reducing your LDL Cholesterol. I know within my family that has been a number of deaths from heart attacks. I take regular exercise and go swimming, swimming is a very good exercise as it stretches most muscles and gives the added benefit that it's a non-impact exercise.

Some exercise such as running is an impact based and maybe not as good as looking for exercise equipment that is designed to produce non-impact fat burning. Consider finding out your ideal weight and seek medical advice on how to attain it. Give yourself reasonable goals in achieving this and mark your progress on something visible.

It's important you need to see progress and that you feel the difference within yourself. Sometimes if you can not manage to get to the gym go for a good 2 mile walk and try to attain a good breathing rhythm. This can be more therapeutic than sweating buckets on a treadmill.



# celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

**Q.** I saw a picture in a magazine about Nancy Travis having a new show. What is it about, and when will it air? — K.A.

**A.** Nancy Travis' breakout role came in the 1987 blockbuster hit comedy "Three Men and a Cradle," followed by its sequel three years later. It starred Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg. She would go on to co-star with Danson in "Becker," one of Danson's many hit sitcoms. She's a talented comedic actress who has made the most out of playing the wife in sitcoms like "The Bill Engvall Show" and "Last Man Standing."

While she hasn't received any Emmy Awards or even nominations during her successful career in Hollywood, in recent years, she's found herself on a critically acclaimed show called "The Kominsky Method." The comedy series, where Travis played an acting student, won a Golden Globe Award in 2021, but alas, that was after she departed the show in 2019.

Next up for Travis is the new western family drama series "Ride," which should be a surefire success on the Hallmark Channel. According to Deadline.com, Tiera Scovby ("Riverdale") plays a former rodeo queen struggling to find her place in a powerful family led by a "tough-as-nails family matriarch" (played by Travis).

Also joining the cast are Beau Mirchoff ("Good Trouble"), Sara Garcia ("The Flash") and Jake Foy ("Designated Survivor"). Filmed in gorgeous Alberta, Canada, "Ride" will premiere on the Hallmark Channel on Sunday, March 26 at 9 p.m. ET.

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**Q.** I really love the show "Young Sheldon," but realize it can't go on forever. How old is the actor who plays the lead role? — J.K.

**A.** The CBS sitcom "Young Sheldon" is in its sixth season and has one more left on its contract with the network. It could be renewed beyond that time, but even the show's executive producer, Steve Holland, has admitted he has to start thinking about its conclusion sooner rather than later.

Both the character of Sheldon Cooper and his portrayer, actor Iain Armitage, are 14 years old. The precocious Shel-



Photo Courtesy of Netflix  
Nancy Travis in "The Kominsky Method"

eventually become the genius played by Jim Parsons on "The Big Bang Theory," which aired on CBS for 12 seasons. I would bet that seven seasons will be enough to wrap up the show while still maintaining the same level of comedy since its debut, but nothing is set in stone yet.

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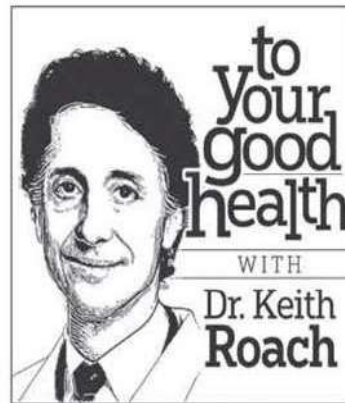
**Q.** When is "Only Murders in the Building" returning for a new season? The first two seasons were so good, so I hope the next mystery is just as compelling and hilarious. — L.A.

**A.** Hulu, the streaming service that carries "Only Murders in the Building," recently released a teaser of the show's upcoming season with a very special addition to the cast — three-time Oscar winner Meryl Streep. She joins the cast of the critically acclaimed series in its third season, and surely she'll fit right in with Steve Martin and Martin Short as they stumble into another murder mystery. Paul Rudd ("Quantum Leap") also returns after his cameo in the season two finale.

On Aug. 8, look for the two-episode season premiere on Hulu.

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## Men With Factor V Leiden Can Still Receive Testosterone Therapy

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I have Factor V Leiden, but I have been wanting to do testosterone replacement therapy. I have heard that testosterone causes blood clots. Obviously, with FVL, that would be a huge deal for me. Is this true? Does it cause clots, or is it safe for me to do? — R.C.

**ANSWER:** Factor V Leiden is a common genetic variant that increases a person's risk for developing a blood clot. However, a person who has never had a blood clot, but who is identified as heterozygous (meaning they only have one copy of the gene) for factor V Leiden, is still not likely to have a blood clot during their lifetime and is not recommended for treatment to prevent a blood clot.

Testosterone replacement therapy in men with FVL does increase the risk of blood clots in some studies, but not in others. In the studies that have shown an increase in risk, the risk has been estimated as approximately one person per thousand treated with testosterone each year. However, the risk occurs mostly during the first three months, and after two years on treatment, there is no additional risk. Thus, roughly one man per 500 who has FVL and gets treated with testosterone will get a clot, according to the studies that show an increase in risk.

This is a small risk, but a blood clot is a significant potential problem. So, the

risk of getting a clot should certainly go into the discussion about whether to give testosterone replacement to a man with FVL and symptomatic low testosterone levels. Most of the men I have seen with this issue have elected to take the replacement.

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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I would like to hear your views on the use of medium chain triglycerides (MCT) to slow down memory loss and dementia. Several articles I have read extol the biological process of MCTs, which — when ingested by an individual — are quickly converted into ketones that provide energy to brain cells. It seems logical to provide such neurobiological support to brain cells, to help keep the brain working longer. — K.J.W.

**ANSWER:** There is some evidence that MCTs slow progression of dementia in people with Alzheimer's disease, although the degree of benefit seen was small. There is no evidence that ingesting MCTs will prevent a person from getting dementia in the first place.

Not every treatment that is used to treat a condition will be effective at preventing it. My opinion, based on what is known about what causes Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, is that MCTs are not likely to prevent them, but they may be useful at slowing progression of the disease in people with existing dementia.

I want to emphasize that the benefit appears to be small. Of course, there aren't any treatments right now (not even the prescription medications for Alzheimer's disease) that dramatically improve Alzheimer's, so MCTs may be worth trying. They are generally well-tolerated and can be taken as a powder or an oil, but may cause nausea or diarrhea in a few people who take them.

*Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu).*

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# Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• Did you dislike Brussels sprouts in your youth? Turns out they don't taste the same nowadays, thanks to Dutch scientist Hans van Doorn, who figured out which compounds in the sprouts made them bitter, then helped begin the work of selecting seeds that would produce more palatable results.

• The first gun was made in 1,000 AD in China.

• While ostriches can't fly, no bird on Earth can match their speed on land, since they can not only sprint at up to 43 mph, but cover more than 10 feet in a single stride.

• A 50 by 50 foot area of healthy lawn generates enough oxygen to supply a family of four.

• Every year, 1.2 million students drop out of school. That's 7,000 dropouts every day, or one every 26 seconds.

• Notorious gangster and bank robber Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd endeared himself to the American public by destroying mortgage papers at the banks he held up, freeing a lot of folks from their debts.

• The First Gulf War in 1991 technically never ended. There was just a cease-fire. The U.K. used that legal loophole to justify entering the Second Gulf War in 2003.

• In 2000, Sony invented a movie critic named David Manning and used his fictional quotes to promote the company's movies. The ruse backfired when Sony ended up paying over \$1.5 million to moviegoers in a class action lawsuit and over \$300,000 to the state of Connecticut, where "David Manning" supposedly worked at a small weekly paper.

• The throne of Denmark is made of narwhal tusks, which were claimed to be unicorn horns, and is flanked by three life-size silver lions, inspired by the legend of King Solomon's throne.

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**Thought for the Day:** "Go out on a limb — that's where the fruit is." — Will Rogers

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# COMMENTARY

## Food Safety

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe

March 15, 2023

All nations depend on outside countries to fill in crucial links in their supply chains. The preceding is at the core of modern day globalization. However, when crises such as

war and natural disaster strike, there is a sober realization that a level of national self-sufficiency is wise. Food especially is a key driver of national security.

Now for all the election gimmicking and pontificating this Old Boy needs to hear the most important matter of all concerning these Virgin Islands from the next generation of leaders. When will the country achieve full food sufficiency? What is the timeline?

OK. External supplies from the UK and USA kept bread on the table and a roof over the head, after Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2016. Had there been no external intervention, these islands may not be back to

normal today. Why? Because we did not have the self-sufficiency to fix the supply chain, on which we all depend. Further, afield, the west, especially the USA and UK are aware of their dependency on adversarial nations for the existence of their own economies, markets and social existence. This dependency is critical but dangerous.

A driver of western inflation has been the disruption in the supply chain since the start of the Ukraine War in February 2022. Ukraine's grain is critical to the food supply of many countries. Most can recall the steep rise in petrol prices the war heralded.

However, food is a central

driver of inflation for a small country such as the Virgin Islands.

A food sufficient Virgin Islands will spur higher employment, new businesses, and greater national security. Food sufficiency will further drive greater health and wellbeing for residents.

Then there is opportunity cost. For every cent spent on local produce, that is cash invested directly in farming and employment. A great percentage of what we all spend is on food and drink. When we produce these for ourselves, we create greater internal economies of scale. The more we produce the lesser the cost of production and this passed

on to the consumer.

Organic food, food that avoids a high degree of processing is attractive to consumers for obvious health reasons. At restaurants, which cater to the Virgin Islands Travel Industry, organic food widely available is an additional draw.

Consequently, factor in food sufficiency when you go to the polling booth on April 28.

Which politician possesses a vision and is dedicated to achieving this most important of policies in the coming months? That politician should receive your X.

Dickson Igwe

## CGBBC TO CELEBRATE TRANSFORMATIVE TRANSITION WEEKEND



20 March 2023 - On 26 March 2023, the Cane Garden Bay Baptist Church (CGBBC) will transition to new leadership. Senior Pastor Elect Reverend Dr. Michael Andre Turnbull and First Lady Elect Minister Shondrea Nicole Turnbull will be installed at a historical service on 26 March

2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Senior Pastor said, "It is an exciting time for CGBBC." The transition starts on 24 March and will culminate on 26 March. The T&T Weekend Celebration is dubbed **TRANSFORMATIVE TRANSITION**. According to Senior Pastor Reverend Dr. Melvin A. Turnbull, who has

led the church for 48 years along with his wife, First Lady Minister Marion M. Turnbull. "The year 2023 is the year of 'Abundance' and 'Transition' for CGBBC, and we continue faithful ministry to God and humanity as we Gather, Grow, and Give."

"The installation is historical for CGBBC because I was thrust into the role without transition or warning. Now, I can hand the baton to Dr. Mike in a special way that sets the trajectory for how things are done when he hands over the baton."

To commemorate this memorable installation, Senior Pastor Elect Dr. Mike, and First Lady Elect Minister Shon will be hosting a Community Block Party on the grounds of the church starting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, 24 March 2023, as we celebrate this historic transition.

The vision of Dr. Mike and Minister Shon is to create an opportunity that brings the entire Virgin

Islands community together to 'Meet. Greet. Praise'.

"Senior Pastor Elect and First Lady Elect want the transition to be meaningful, and they want it to change lives in the process. They want to ensure that CGBBC

touches the lives of people wherever they are across the Territory. The transition is not an exercise; it must mean something. We are excited about our transition weekend. We invite and welcome all the people of the Virgin Islands to come out and celebrate God's goodness with us." Senior Pastor said.

There will be live music by High Frequency Band and Dj Dre, bounce house and other activities for children, food, and more.

CGBBC is partnering with community businesses in this regard. Additionally, on Friday, during the Transformative Transition Block Party, the church will take the opportunity to bless persons in need who wish to be blessed with goods from the Blanche and Blanche Pantry and the thrift shop at no cost.

The entire Virgin Islands community is invited to join in this celebratory occasion where the objective is to change lives.

Senior Pastor explained that Saturday, 25 March is a preparatory day for the church. Sunday morning service on 26 March begins at 9:30 a.m. Persons attending the Installation Service should be seated by 3:45 p.m. for an on-time start.

As a backdrop to this occasion, the transition from Senior Pastor Reverend Dr. Melvin A.

Turnbull to Senior Pastor Elect has been taking place for seven years before. On Sunday, 18 July 2022, Senior Pastor Reverend announced the transition of leadership of CGBBC to the congregation in the sanctuary and those worshipping online. Following Senior Pastor's announcement, the Board of Directors of CGBBC unanimously approved the transition in their meeting on 19 October 2022. Then on 29 October 2022, the ordained Ministers of CGBBC unanimously approved the Board's decision for the transition, which will start in 2023 following his installation. However, the transition became official after Members of the Church unanimously agreed and accepted the transition proposal in their meeting on 2 November 2022.

The Cane Garden Bay Baptist Church is the place where we invite you to come to experience God's love. Grow in God's Love and Give God's love to each other.



# Caribbean News / Regional News

## On World Water Day, the global cholera task force explains way forward



22 March 2023 | The world is facing an upsurge in cholera, even touching countries that have not had the disease in decades. Years of progress against this age-old disease have disappeared. While

the situation is unprecedented, the lesson to draw is not a new one: safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene are the only long-term and sustainable solutions to ending this cholera emergency and preventing future ones.

The global cholera situation is concerning, but as we mark World Water Day today, and the historic United Nations Water Conference begins in New York, the Global Task Force for Cholera Control (GTFCC) is appealing to countries and the international community to channel that concern towards concrete action.

First, to prevent future outbreaks, countries need strong public health

surveillance systems to quickly identify and confirm cholera cases, allowing for immediate action. Countries with ongoing widespread outbreaks need immediate support to track and tackle the current crisis. We can't solve a problem we can't see.

Second, stop the cycle that takes us from emergency to emergency by investing in water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). When there is a cholera outbreak, responders rush in soap and chlorine tablets, bring in safe water in trucks, and build temporary latrines to prevent the outbreak from spreading. While these actions are undoubtedly life-saving, longer-term investments in WASH infrastructure can prevent outbreaks in the first place.

Wherever in the world cholera has been eliminated, it has been thanks to improvements in basic water, sanitation and hygiene – access to these is an internationally recognized human right.

Moving from an emergency response to long-term improvements is more effective, because although cholera is a health issue, first and foremost, it is a development issue.

Third, focus efforts on cholera hotspots. Fighting cholera requires a targeted approach centred on hotspots—health zones or districts—where cholera cases are concentrated. Focusing on cholera hotspots more than doubles the return on investments in safe water, sanitation and hygiene: from

US\$4.30 to US\$10 for every US\$1 invested.

Fourth, support the development and implementation of national cholera plans, including the budget allocated for WASH. These national plans lay out multisectoral actions needed for sustained cholera prevention and control, including the use of oral cholera vaccines, putting communities at the center.

Poverty, conflict, and disasters continue to fuel cholera, now turbo-charged by climate change. The future presents multiple challenges, but at least for cholera, we have the answer: access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene in cholera hotspots. Urgent, targeted investments will get us there. [Source: World Health Organisation]

## Bermuda Tourism Authority Confirms Tracy Berkeley as Chief Executive Officer

*Berkeley Has Served as Interim CEO For Nine Months And Will Continue Leading The Charge For Change Within The BTA*



TRACY BERKELEY  
Tracy Berkeley

(NEW YORK, NY – March 17, 2023) – The Bermuda Tourism Authority (BTA) has confirmed Tracy Berkeley as Chief Executive Officer, creating history as the organisation's first female leader. Berkeley has been serving as the BTA's Interim CEO since June 2022.

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# VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS

## Ukraine, IMF Agree on \$15.6 Billion Loan Package

FRANKFURT, GERMANY — Ukraine and the International Monetary Fund have agreed on a \$15.6 billion loan package aimed at shoring up government finances severely strained by Russia's invasion and leveraging more support by assuring other donors that Ukraine is pursuing strong economic policies and fighting corruption.

Ukraine's finance ministry said Wednesday that the program will "help to mobilize financing from Ukraine's international partners, as well as to maintain macro-financial stability and ensure the path to post-war reconstruction after Ukrainian victory in the war against the aggressor."

The loan program will run for four years, with the first 12 to 18 months focusing on helping Ukraine close its massive budget deficit and

easing the pressure to print money to use for spending, the IMF said in a statement Tuesday. Printing money to fund people's pensions, state salaries and basic services can make things worse by fueling inflation and destabilizing the currency.

The remainder of the program will focus on supporting Ukraine's bid for European Union membership and postwar reconstruction.

Deal still needs board approval

The IMF deal is expected to leverage even more money for Ukraine because it provides evidence to potential donor governments, including in the Group of Seven major democracies and the European Union, that Ukraine's government is following sound economic policies.

The agreement, which still needs approval from the IMF's

executive board, "is expected to help mobilize large-scale concessional financing from Ukraine's international donors and partners over the duration of the program," Gavin Gray, the IMF's mission chief for Ukraine, said in a statement.

The Washington-based IMF said Ukrainian authorities demonstrated their commitment to healthy economic policy and met all agreed-upon goals during a preliminary consultation. The loan program goes beyond previous IMF practice by lending to a country at war, under new rules that allowed assistance because of circumstances of "exceptionally high uncertainty."

Ukraine massively increased military spending while the economy shrank by around 30% in 2022, hitting tax revenue.

The result was a huge budget deficit that has been covered by outside financing from the U.S., the EU and other allies. The aid has helped the country end its excessive reliance on money printed by the central bank and loaned to the government, an emergency step considered necessary early in the war but that could fuel inflation and send the currency plunging if prolonged.

**IMF noted Ukraine's progress**

Before the war, Ukraine had made progress in reforming its banking system and making government contracts more transparent. But it still ranked 122 out of 180 countries on Transparency International's corruption perceptions index.

Its prewar economy was characterized by political involvement from wealthy

individuals known as oligarchs and by slow progress on improving the legal system perceived as too open to political influence.

The IMF, however, said that after the preliminary consultations, the government has "made progress in reforms to strengthen governance, anti-corruption and rule of law, and lay the foundations for postwar growth, although the agenda of reforms in these areas remains significant."

Several senior officials, including deputy ministers and governors of front-line regions, were fired in January after allegations of corruption, some related to military spending, embarrassed the government. President Volodymyr Zelensky was elected in 2019 on an anti-establishment, anti-corruption platform.

## Nationwide Protests in France after Macron Doubles Down On Pension Bill



Passengers walk with their luggages as airport workers on strike gather outside the Terminal 1 during the ninth day of nationwide strikes and protests against French government's pension reform, at the Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport in Roissy, near Paris, March 23, 2023.

PARIS — French workers angry with a rise in the pension age blocked access to a terminal at Paris' Roissy-Charles De Gaulle airport on Thursday as part of a nationwide day of protests, forcing some travelers to get there on foot.

Train services were disrupted and some schools shut while

garbage piled up on the streets, and electricity output was cut as unions raised pressure on the government to withdraw the law which delays retirement by two years to 64.

Plumes of smoke were seen rising from burning piles of debris blocking traffic on a highway near Toulouse, in southwestern France, and

wildcat strikes briefly blocked roads in other cities as well.

The spontaneous protest near Roissy's terminal one would not impact flights, a spokesperson for Aeroports de Paris said.

Protest rallies were scheduled across the country later in the day, while protests also targeted oil depots and blocked an LNG terminal in the northern city of Dunkirk.

President Emmanuel Macron on Wednesday said the legislation - which his government pushed through parliament without a vote last week - would come into force by year-end despite escalating anger across the country.

"The best response we can give the president is that there are millions of people on strike and in the streets," said Philippe Martinez, who leads the hardline CGT union.

Protests of the the policy changes, which also accelerate a

planned increase of the number of years one must work to draw a full pension, have drawn huge crowds in rallies organized by unions since January.

**Anger**

Most protests have been peaceful, but anger has mounted since the government pushed the bill through parliament without a vote last week.

The past seven nights have seen spontaneous demonstrations in Paris and other cities with rubbish bins set ablaze and scuffles with police.

Laurent Berger, the head of France's biggest union, the moderate CFDT, told BFM TV the government must withdraw the pension law. Macron's comments "increased the anger," he said.

The latest wave of protests represents the most serious challenge to the president's authority since the "Yellow Vest" revolt four years ago. Polls show a wide majority of

French opposed to the pension legislation as well as the government's decision to push it through parliament without a vote.

"It's a good thing that people are still mobilizing, and that people stand up for their beliefs," 26-year-old engineer Jean Walter said at the Paris Saint-Lazare train station, where many trains were cancelled.

"I'm supporting the strike, even if it will take more time to go to work today."

Labour Minister Olivier Dussopt said the government was not in denial about the tensions but wanted to move on.

"There is a disagreement that will persist on the retirement age. On the other hand, there are many subjects which make it possible to renew a dialogue," he said, including how companies share their profits with workers.

**"Things will be done gradually," he said.**



# SPORTS

## Sailing Festival to kick off 50th Anniversary BVI Spring Regatta

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

### SAILING

A record 57 entries are set to kick off the BVI Sailing Festival on March 28 in the Nanny Cay Round Tortola Race, ahead of the March 31st 50th Anniversary BVI Spring Regatta.

Regatta Chairman Bob Phillips, told Island Sun Sports, that the race will start off Nanny Cay, take sailors eastwards past Beef Island, around Scrub Island, Camanoe, down through West End and a beat up to Nanny Cay.

"TheY get to see a lot of the BVI that they wouldn't get to see during the rest of the event," Phillips told Island Sun Sports. "The Wednesday, it's the great party at Scrub Island (as racers compete in the Scrub Island Invitational). They do a fabulous job for the competitors. Then Thursday it's a lay day, everyone recovers and gets their boat ready for the serious racing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday."

When asked what the year means, Phillips said that they are celebrating 50 years of sports tourism—bringing international tourists to the BVI for a sporting event—continuously for 50 years. He said that it is so important to the marine industry and the BVI, that

it keeps the territory on the world stage sporting wise.

"Everybody knows about the BVI Spring Regatta. Everybody knows about the BVI because of it," he said. "It's heartwarming all the accolades we get. All of the comments, not only from our competitors but the people who can't be here. We get endless Facebook posts from people; 'I wish I was there. It's snowing.' Well, you didn't come."

Regatta Director Judy Petz, said the BVI Spring Regatta is the one sport that has brought people in from around the world for 50 years.

"Honestly, that's my favorite part—the people who come to every corner of the earth to celebrate this 50th with us, but they also celebrate the British Virgin Islands," she noted. "They love sailing here because it's so beautiful. We are the sailing capital of the world, and they're very, very excited. We have some people that have been racing almost 30 of the 50. Dr Tattersall (Robin) has done almost all of them and those stories resonate just what this event means, to the people, to the racers, to the sponsors—to the territory, honestly. What we're bringing from the view of what we're best at, which is sailing and racing."

Both Phillips and Petz will be retiring from their respective roles of 25 and 20 years at the end of the event. Phillips said it's tough to recall a favorite memory because there have been so many magical moments with incredible international boats. "We had a boat called YES that belonged to Goslings, the 60+ footer boat came from the UK, just to do the Spring Regatta—that's the only regatta that they did," he recalled.

"Sailed it out, did our regatta and sailed it back. We have had a lot of international acclaim over the years and it's because of what we have concentrated on, the professionalism on the water. We've always had great race committees. We've always been current. We've set trends in the racing world, with some of the courses we've set, turning classes over, keeping racing going quickly so there's not much wait time. My favorite memory is just how internationally acclaimed the event is." Petz said because of the level of the event, she has had an opportunity to meet Olympic sailors, professional racers including Robbie Haynes and Ben Ainsley. "They are our rock stars," she said. "They are the ones like everybody wants to become and



Victor Wild's Boltin 52, FOX, dominated the 2022 BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival, sailing off unbeaten in every race

we get to meet them. They're like normal people and they're so happy to be here and those moments will always be in my mind.

Obviously when my husband was racing and won, he came across the stage and we got to have our stage kiss—I loved the pictures because everyone behind was cheering. And then it's the people for me. The moments where so many people have come into my life and some now are lifelong friends."

Phillips said it's time for new blood to drive the regatta after 25 years at the helm. "It's been a wonderful experience, I've had a great time, but it is time," he said. "Peter Haycraft set the precedent, I'm not going to break it. He's a

tough act to follow."

Petz, who retired a year ago but stayed on as a replacement wasn't found, said if her chairman is going, she's going too. "We've done this road together and it has so many elements—every year it changes," she noted. "We need some fresh blood. We need some new ideas, because you do need to reinvent this every year. You do need to find exciting things going on around the world and bring them here. The racers that return year after year are having a good time and new people come and think wow, how have I not been here before. So yea, this is our swansong."

### BASEBALL

## Dawson recounts 'amazing experience' with Great Britain in World Baseball Classic

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

After being one of three players including Demoi Hodge and Shamoy "Shrimpy" Christopher helping Great Britain in the 2022 European Baseball Championships to qualify for its first World Baseball Classic, Kennard Dawson became the territory first player to appear on a roster in the prestigious event last week, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Dawson, a catcher and the first BVI player to play with Great Britain in the European U23 Baseball Championships in 2021, followed by playing in the senior championships that included Christopher, Hodge and Natashon "Shadow" Thomas, started his tenure playing outfield.

In 2016, Thomas became the first BVI baseball player in the World Baseball Classic, when he played with Great Britain in the

preliminary rounds in New York. The team didn't qualify for the classic.

Dawson however, while he did not play, has assured himself a place in history as Great Britain finished with a 1-3 record after beating Colombia, 7-5 and qualified for the 2026 edition.

"The World Baseball Classic was an amazing experience for me, mainly it's a boost of confidence being able to get picked for that team and help them out anyway I could," Dawson told Island Sun Sports on Sunday. "Being around major leaguers every day, getting major league treatment, knowing what it is I'm trying to aspire to, it's really not that far out of reach, trying to go about my business on a day to day basis."

Dawson said that from the very

first day coming off the airport, Alex Verdugo of the Boston Red Sox, saw him with his Great Britain bag and they spoke for about 15 minutes. "He just spoke to me like I was another MLB player, even after finding out that I was still in college," Dawson reflected. "It's just things like that are really a big boost for my confidence—being able to take batting practice with them every day—seeing how the professionals go about their business and trying, not to imitate them, but take some of what makes them good and apply it to my game."

The main purpose of the exposure, he said, was to get ready for the 2026 edition, being around the players, learning from them and gaining the experience so that when his time comes, he wouldn't

be nervous and have been in an environment with a crowd of 40,000.

"I'm really thankful for the experience to represent the country

and to represent the BVI," he said. "I'm hopeful that more people get the opportunity, because it was an opportunity of a lifetime for me."



Kennard Dawson, 3rd right, with Great Britain players at the World Baseball Classic in Arizona



# SPORTS



*BVI team manager Lennon Audain, left, Coach Chris Kiwomya, BVIFA President Andy Bickerton and Captain Troy Caesar, going over the list of players for the BVI vs Puerto Rico match*



*Royal Knights' batsman Julian St.Clair, muscled a six against Vincy during Sunday's game*



*One Love's Chavaughn Williams makes a header vs Positive, off a corner kick*



*Phoenix Red's Shoniqua Fahie, attempts one of her four digs against Take A Hit on Sunday*



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# THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees. With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.*

PSALM 119: 9-13 *llb*

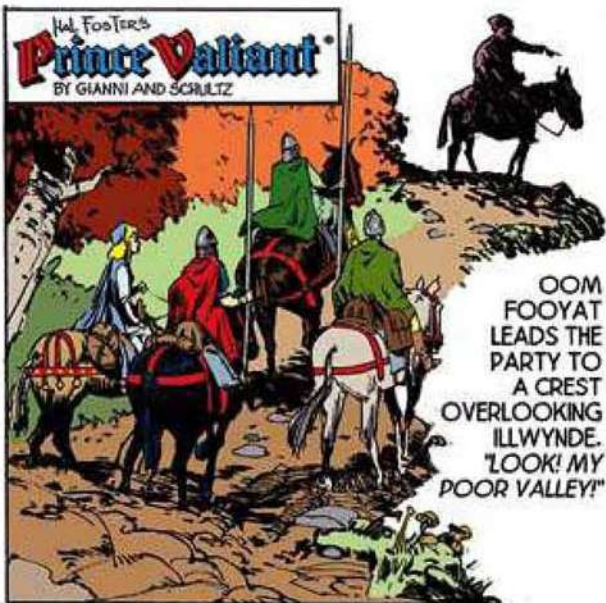


## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

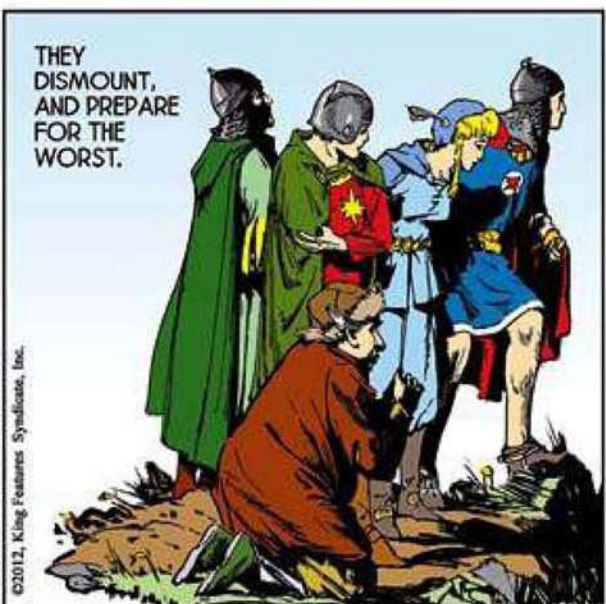


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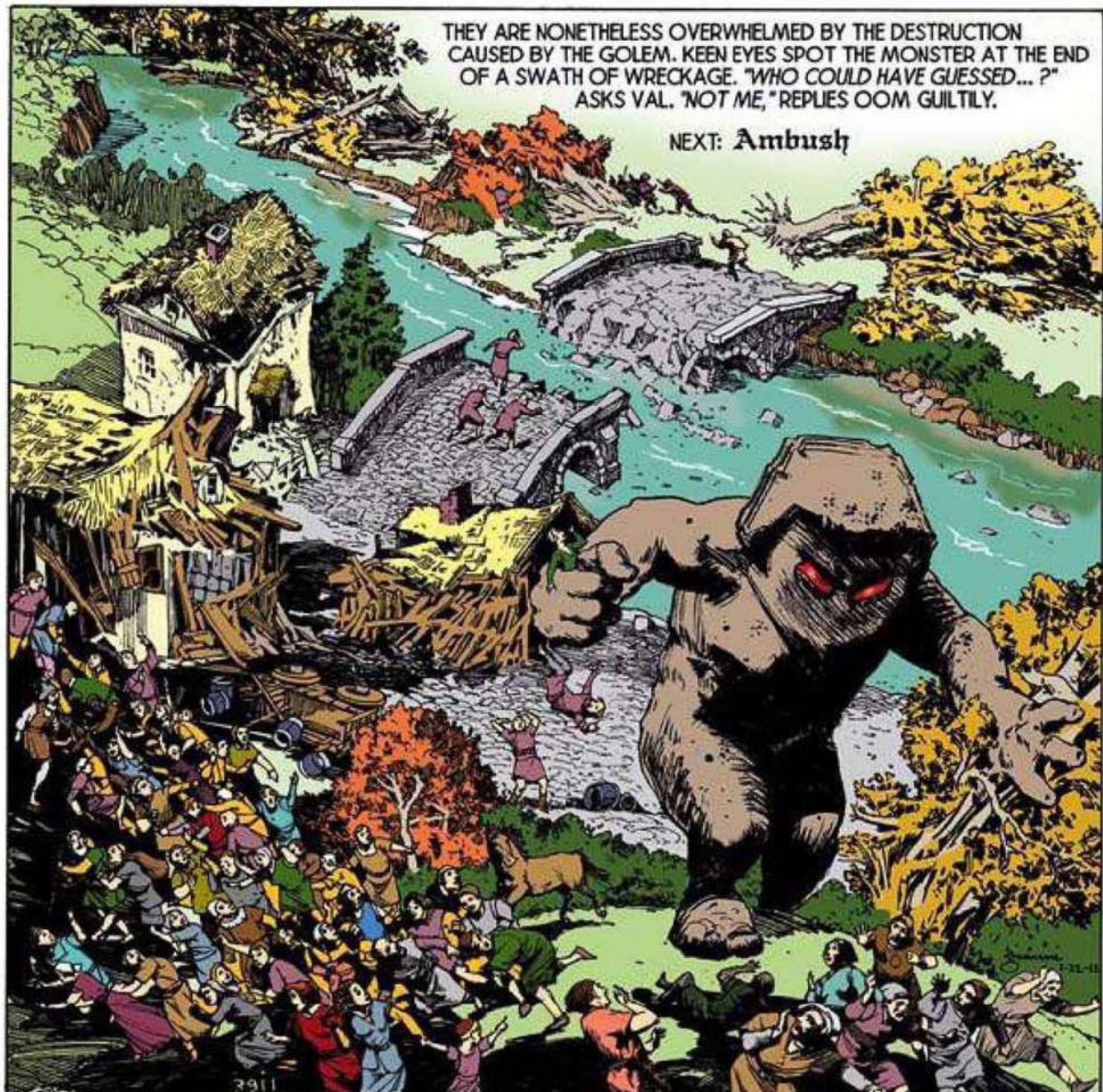
Hal Foster's **Prince Valiant**  
BY GIANNI AND SCHULTZ

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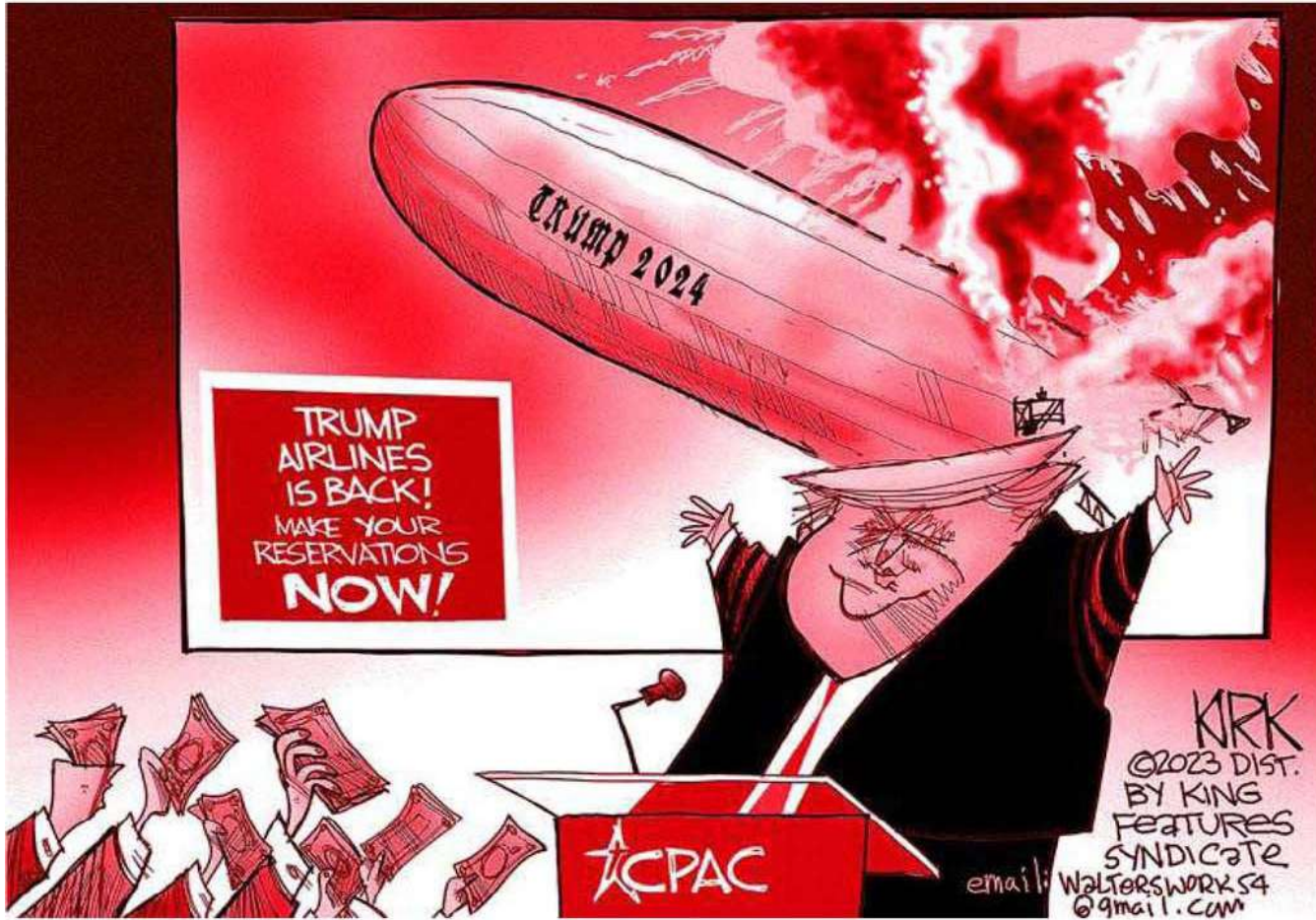
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THEY ARE NONETHELESS OVERWHELMED BY THE DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY THE GOLEM. KEEN EYES SPOT THE MONSTER AT THE END OF A SWATH OF WRECKAGE. "WHO COULD HAVE GUESSED...?" ASKS VAL. "NOT ME," REPLIES OOM GUILTYLY.

NEXT: Ambush





# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Colossians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who hid 100 prophets in a cave when Jezebel was trying to kill them? *Obadiah, Achan, Rachel, Joseph*
3. In Revelation 21:1's vision, what will not exist in the world to come? *Sky, Mountain, Sea, Darkness*
4. What's the only animal/creature in the Bible that tells a lie? *Serpent, Camel, Donkey, Dove*
5. In which book is the phrase "The nations are as a drop of a bucket"?
6. Which city was famous for its fallen walls? *Derbe, Jericho, Corinth, Capernaum*

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Obadiah, 3) Sea, 4) Serpent, 5) Isaiah 40:15, 6) Jericho

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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## Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) The adventurous Aries won't be disappointed with taking on a new challenge, despite some initial misgivings. Look for this move to open other opportunities down the line.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Let that beautiful Bovine smile not only put you at ease, but also show that you're ready, willing and more than able to confound the naysayers around you. Also, a new admirer has important news.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Be careful how you handle a relationship that you're hoping to save. You already have the facts on your side. Avoid weakening your position by embellishing it with unnecessary dramatics.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Taking definitive stands isn't easy for the often-wavering Moon Child. But you not only need to stay with your decision, but also reassure others that it was the right thing to do.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) As a proud Lion, you're right to be upset about those who might be lying about you to others. But the best revenge is proving them wrong by succeeding at what you set out to do.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Caution is still advised before making a financial commitment to a "promising" project. Look for the facts behind the fluff. Meanwhile,

devote the weekend to loved ones.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A Taurus offers comfort and advice as you deal with an upsetting event. Use this as a learning experience that will help you avoid similar problems in the future.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A romantic situation creates some chaos for single Scorpions. But it's well worth the effort to work things out. A trusted friend can offer some helpful advice.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Expect to make new friends as your social circle expands. Also, remember to tell that family member how proud you are of their achievements.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) New ventures continue to be favored. With your self-confidence rising all the time, you'll want to see how well you can do with a new challenge. So, go to it.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time for the usually serious-minded Aquarian to let loose and enjoy some fun times. Expect to get good news about a workplace issue.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Changed plans might upset some people, but your needs should be respected. Offer explanations when necessary. Don't let yourself get talked into changing your decisions.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a gift for bringing people together. You would make a very fine judge or counselor.

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# HOW DO COUNTRIES MEASURE UP ON CORRUPTION IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR?

Research analysis by Roberto Martínez B. Kukutschka

The United Nations recognises that democracy is the best way to bring about international peace, and research has proven that democratic countries do not go to war against each other. But right now, democracy is backsliding around the world - and corruption is one of its greatest antagonists.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 exemplified how corrupt authoritarian regimes threaten international peace, security and economic stability. After his return to power in 2012, Vladimir Putin embarked on a campaign to remove all constitutional checks on his authority. Under his leadership, the Russian government has successfully weakened the autonomous political institutions, organisations and individuals that could constrain Putin's power or hold him accountable, cracked down on political opponents, passed new legislation that limits the space for civil society, banned almost all independent media and chased opponents into exile. At the same time, favouritism in the allocation of public contracts, licenses and concessions, kickbacks and other corrupt schemes helped a small group of oligarchs amass great fortunes that largely depend on their loyalty to the regime.

In short, corruption facilitated the consolidation of autocracy in Russia, and once Putin was firmly entrenched in power, he had a free hand to pursue whatever policies he wanted - including war - with little opposition from domestic political and economic elites. Such blurred lines between business and politics in the country explain the lack of public opposition to Putin's decision to invade Ukraine even after several rounds of sanctions that have weakened the Russian economy.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine is perhaps the most extreme example of the dangers that serious corruption and weak checks on power at the domestic level can ultimately pose to international peace and security. Corruption, however, can also be used in much less obvious ways to destabilise a country. There are several historical examples of colonial and postcolonial powers deliberately corrupting the leaders of lands they sought to control. In the past few years, countries like Russia (28), Iran (25) and Qatar (58) have also exploited domestic loopholes in anti-corruption and government integrity systems to: weaken political actors that threaten their interests; advance foreign policy goals; and undermine the people's trust in the government and institutions of the target country.

This poses a significant threat even for countries with high levels of public integrity and effective anti-corruption controls. While the threats might come from abroad, the vulnerabilities - including loopholes in lobbying, political finance and conflicts of interest regimes - are often home-grown and require action at the national level. Even countries at the top of the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) need to look critically at their anti-corruption frameworks. These countries need to fully implement their international anti-corruption commitments and close the loopholes in their financial systems which help foreign actors - from corrupt politicians to

organised crime leaders - hide their ill-gotten gains and undermine democracy. They also need to prioritise transparency of asset ownership, especially companies, trusts and real estate.

While the examples above show how domestic levels of corruption can become a source of regional or global instability or make a country vulnerable to undue influence from foreign actors, most



of the research on the links between conflict and corruption highlights the destabilising effects of corruption within national borders. It is well documented that conflict creates new opportunities for bribery, rent-seeking and theft of public resources. In turn, corruption can also fuel conflict by: generating new or stimulating existing grievances in society that fuel violence

weakening the capacity of the state to protect its citizens from threats like organised crime and terrorism, including by limiting the effectiveness of defence, security and law enforcement institutions

undermining trust in government and the legitimacy of the state, which limits the state's ability to mediate emerging conflicts and credibly enforce negotiated agreements

Cross-country studies have also found that anti-corruption is as important as a country's bureaucratic capacity in preventing the outbreak of civil war. Transparent and accountable

governments that enact policies to benefit society at large instead of the narrow interests of a few tend to be better at keeping the peace within their national borders.

Despite its well-documented negative effects, corruption is hard to eradicate, partly because not everyone is equally affected by it. While some parts of society - often the most vulnerable ones - suffer from inefficient or non-existent public services, other groups may benefit from the corrupt status quo through kickbacks, handouts, lucrative government contracts or privileged access to policy-makers. When corruption is systemic, public resources are constantly diverted away from projects, policies and services that serve the common good and benefit the public at large to favour specific groups and interests instead.

Corruption thus creates conditions in which conflict is more likely to occur by fostering division between different groups and eating away at the rule of law. It also fuels the kind of state capture that generates hostility among excluded groups, providing incentives for opposition factions to violently contest state resources and the regime to aggressively persecute opponents. This is particularly dangerous when the resulting disparities coincide with ethnic, religious or other identity lines. Corruption, exclusion and outright discrimination thus increase the risk of violent outbreaks and make them harder to control once they erupt.

In addition, theft, embezzlement and mismanagement of public funds reduce the quantity of public resources available for redistribution and undermine the quality and availability of public services. This makes it harder to tackle poverty, hunger and inequality, while providing good healthcare and education. Corruption is thus widely recognised as a key obstacle to achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.



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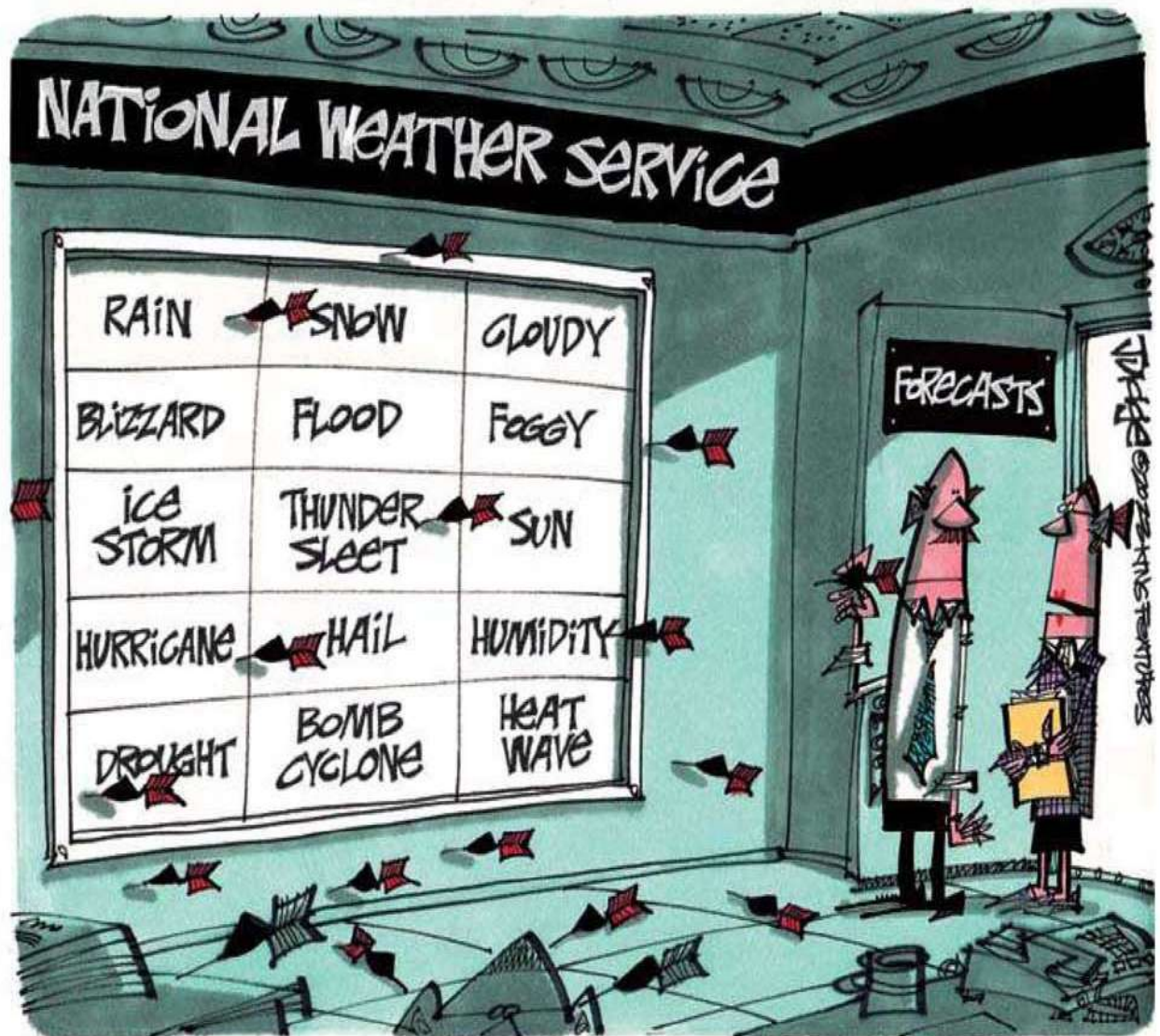
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# top ten

## World's Highest Traffic Delay Times by City\*

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2. Chicago, U.S.
3. Paris, France
4. Boston, U.S.
5. Bogota, Colombia
6. Palermo, Italy
7. Toronto, Canada
8. New York City, U.S.
9. Monterrey, Mexico
10. Philadelphia, U.S.

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"SO WHAT EFFECT HAS CLIMATE CHANGE HAD ON YOUR JOB?"



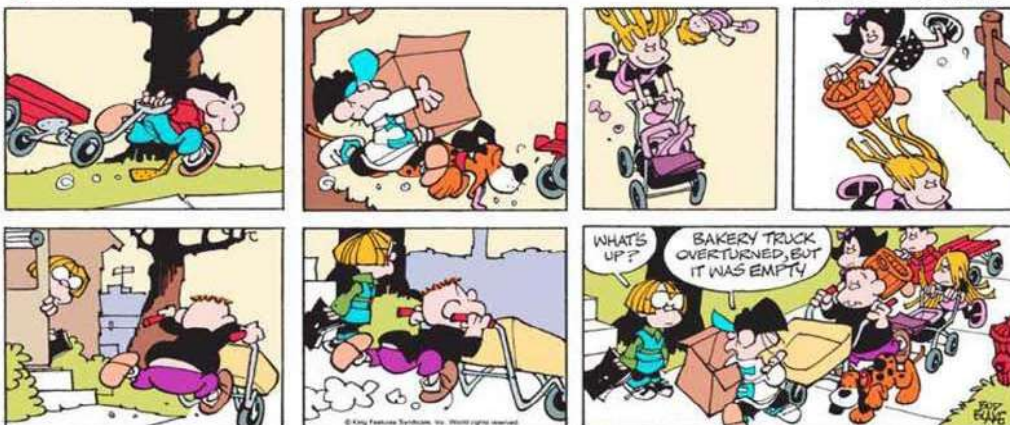
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### The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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by Linda Thistle

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

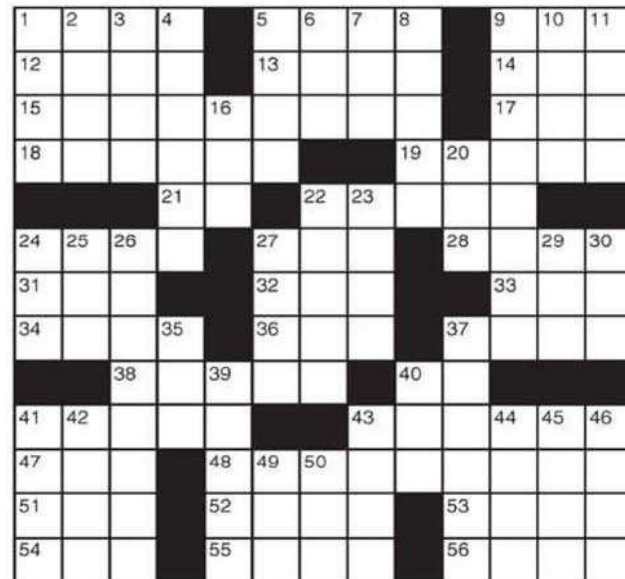
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Blunder
- 5 Sir's partner
- 9 Witty one
- 12 Massage target
- 13 Lamb alias
- 14 "Evil Woman" gp.
- 15 Dairy aisle purchase
- 17 Zodiac feline
- 18 Indiana city
- 19 TV's DeGeneres
- 21 Rejection
- 22 — buddy
- 24 Bears' hands
- 27 Candy-heart word
- 28 Ashen
- 31 "— Believer"
- 32 Epoch
- 33 Actress Ruby
- 34 Attire
- 36 The whole enchilada
- 37 Barking mammal
- 38 Dark and gloomy
- 40 "I see"
- 41 "Shrek" princess
- 43 Scents
- 47 Adj. modifier
- 48 Canning jar feature
- 51 King, in Cannes



- 52 Tale teller
- 53 "Woe —!"
- 54 World Cup cheer
- 55 China (Pref.)
- 56 Legendary loch
- 8 "This — no sense!"
- 9 Built to last
- 10 Downwind
- 11 Thug
- 16 Punk-rock subgenre
- 20 Prune
- 22 Strapping
- 23 Track shape
- 24 Pot-bellied pet
- 25 Docs' bloc
- 26 "Dunkirk" or "Platoon," e.g.
- 27 Faucet problem
- 29 Meadow
- 30 Snaky fish
- 35 Chignon
- 37 Sure winner
- 39 "Lady Love" singer Lou
- 40 Branch
- 41 Gambling game
- 42 Pedestal occupant
- 43 Sleek, in car lingo
- 44 Inspiration
- 45 \$ dispensers
- 46 Females
- 49 Sundial numeral
- 50 Author Brown

### DOWN

- 1 Stare stupidly
- 2 Twice cuatro
- 3 "Hmm, I guess so"
- 4 Criminals
- 5 Office note
- 6 "The Greatest"
- 7 Be sick

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Answer

### Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

### King Crossword

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- AD SLOGANS: What company advertises its clothing with the ad slogan, "Quality never goes out of style"?
- SCIENCE: What is the tallest grass in the world?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the camp in "Friday the 13th"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the term when two water streams join to form a larger stream?
- INVENTIONS: What is Tim Berners-Lee credited with inventing?
- ANATOMY: Where are the quadriceps located?
- LITERATURE: Which poet wrote a six-volume biography of President Lincoln?
- TELEVISION: Timothy Lovejoy is a minister on which animated TV series?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: Yaks are native to which region?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Before he was elected president, which of the founding fathers attended the coronation of Napoleon at Notre Dame Cathedral?

- Trivia Test Answers
- Levi's; 2. Bamboo; 3. Camp Crystal Lake; 4. Confluence; 5. World Wide Web; 6. Tights; 7. Carl Sandburg; 8. "The Simpsons"; 9. Tibet, China; 10. James Monroe and his wife Elizabeth.



# CAN POLITICAL PARTIES AGREE A SOCIAL CONTRACT FOR NATIONAL PROGRESS?

By Sir Ronald Sanders

(The writer is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the United States and the Organization of American States. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at the University of London and Massey College in the University of Toronto. The views expressed are entirely his own)



Authoritative international bodies - among them, the respected Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) - have concluded that "democracy is under both literal and figurative assault around the world." The countries of the Caribbean have not been exempted from this judgement which is based on more than a decade of studies.

In the Americas (Canada and US, Central and South America and the Caribbean), there has been a rise in undemocratic governance as in Haiti and Nicaragua - both of which are teetering on the brink of disaster. In other countries in Latin America, there have been setbacks, particularly in Peru.

Established democracies have also experienced decline. These were particularly severe in Brazil and the US, where current administrations are battling to overcome the legacies of the previous administrations.

Against this background, indications, from the governing and opposition representatives in the elected national assembly of Antigua and Barbuda, that the fundamental principles of democracy remain strong and respected, are welcomed.

On January 18, general elections, which were judged to be free and fair by several international observer groups, were held in Antigua and Barbuda. There was a vigorous campaign that resulted in the ruling Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party (ABLP) sliding from a 15-2 majority in the National Assembly to a one-seat majority. The ABLP won 9 of the 17 parliamentary seats; the main opposition party, the United Progressive Party (UPP) won 6 seats; the separatist Barbuda Peoples' Movement won 1; and for the first time in Antigua's history, an independent candidate, who was a former member of the ABLP, was elected.

The forceful nature of the election campaign and the resultant one seat majority in the National Assembly, led to the view by commentators, in and out of Antigua and Barbuda, that the stage

had been set for a possible disruption of the democratic process, including civil disorder.

However, any such expectation was dispelled when the National Assembly convened from March 9 to 14 to debate the national budget that the Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister, Gaston Browne, presented on March 2. The elected representatives of the UPP, while five of them were new, put forward their arguments firmly, but with respect for parliamentary rules. For their part, the government representatives, especially the young, lone woman elected member, Maria Browne, laid out their detailed plans and responded in a mature manner to the heckling of the opposition representatives.

The result was a pellucid articulation of the differences on how issues should be addressed; proposals on areas that require priority attention; and evidence that the National Assembly will be a forum for forceful debate on the policies and programmes that the governing party intends to pursue.

These circumstances are good for democracy in Antigua and Barbuda at a time when global challenges are impacting every country in the world, calling for an inclusionary approach to governance.

The political campaign, for general elections in Antigua and Barbuda, was held amid global political and economic instability, including the escalation of prices for food and energy, increasing inflation, high interest rates for borrowing, and decreased access to financing.

These phenomena occurred - and are persisting - alongside enduring effects of climate change, attempts to recover from the economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the continuing global uncertainty caused by the Russian war of aggression on Ukraine.

All this holds consequences for democratic governance. Popular dissatisfaction over high prices, low employment, and non-inclusionary decision-making, in any country, could result in protests and other acts of civil strife.

In Antigua and Barbuda's case, the country is benefitting from a continuous growth of the economy (8.5 per cent in 2022, and a projected 9.4 per cent for 2023); increasing employment; and significant private sector investment in tourism, construction and physical infrastructure, hefty outlays by the government in health and education. and



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an abiding respect for democracy, including freedom of speech, free and fair elections, and a strict separation of powers between the government, the legislature and the courts.

But while sound economic performance and respect for democratic principles and values have contributed to stability in Antigua and Barbuda, in many countries around the globe, "the ability to provide key public goods to their citizens and to close the gap between social expectations and institutional performance is increasingly at risk", as IDEA points out in its 2022 report on democracy in the world.

The world is at a critical crossroad. Given the current global uncertainties, which include a possible recession, governments in democratic countries are under pressure to deliver the goods and services their people expect. Unlike authoritarian regimes, which are backed by military might to enforce their will, governments in democratic states have to form a new social contract with their populations, including their representative bodies in every sector.

Any who choose an authoritarian path, have to be conscious that, in countries where authoritarian regimes rule, there has been an exodus of talented and trained persons, economic decline, and a high dependence on the military to repress dissatisfied people. Authoritarianism, therefore, ought not to be an option for any nation that wants peaceful progress.

As part of a social contract to preserve democracy as a platform for progress of the individual, the society and the economy, international bodies strongly suggest that governments, political parties, private sector, civil society, media, expert groups, and academics have a role to play.

The hardest part of all this is how to encourage political parties to regard constructive participation in a national dialogue as an acknowledgment of their roles as representatives of the people, rather than as agencies for discrediting each other.

Yet, it is in constructive and inclusionary dialogue that national plans for peace, progress and prosperity can be best fashioned. Unreasoned division and brinkmanship to promote party political advantage is a certain prescription for national failure and the erosion of democracy.

Hopefully, political parties throughout the Americas, including the Caribbean, can agree to fashion with other partners in civil society, a relevant social contract for national progress that can carry countries successfully through the present global turmoil and beyond.



# PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**YARDLEY BAY INVESTMENTS LTD**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of March, 2023 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.  
The Liquidator is :-  
**Wayne Francis**  
Nerine Chambers  
P.O. Box 905  
Quastisky Building  
Road Town, Tortola  
British Virgin Islands  
[93/1]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**JSC INVESTMENT, INC.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1723603  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on March 17th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at **116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated: March 17th, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[93/2]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**YSEDF Technology Co., Ltd.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th day of March 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.  
The Liquidator is:-  
**Wayne S. Francis**  
of c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands [93/3]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**Advance Scientific & Chemical Co., Ltd**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of March, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register  
The Liquidator is:-  
**Wayne S. Francis**  
of c/o Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands [93/4]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**Auscorp Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of March, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register  
The Liquidator is:-  
**Wayne S. Francis**  
of c/o Nerine Trust Company (BVI) Limited, Nerine Chambers, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands [93/5]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**Queenie Choice Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of March, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register  
The Liquidator is:-  
**Wayne S. Francis**  
of Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands [93/6]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**Promise Beauty Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of March, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register  
The Liquidator is:-  
**Wayne S. Francis**  
of Sertus Chambers, P.O. Box 905, Quastisky Building, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110, British Virgin Islands [93/7]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**ELBRUS TRADING LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1768844  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from March 17, 2023.  
Dated: March 17, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[93/8]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act. 2004**  
**Manley Properties Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1809148  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 16th March, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated: 16th March, 2023  
**Sgd. Philippa V. O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator [93/9]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 203 of the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**CORNERSTONE SERVICES LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 69424  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 203, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 16 March 2023. The Liquidator is **Harry J. Thompson of Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated 17 March 2023  
**(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson**  
Voluntary Liquidator(s)  
[93/10]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**AKP CHEMICAL INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 518920  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 14 March 2023.  
Dated 17 March 2023  
**(Sgd.) Harry J. Thompson**  
Voluntary Liquidator(s)  
[93/11]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**C&C FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS LTD.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1557109  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on March 17th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated: March 20th, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[93/12]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**GRAIN HOLDING LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1663974  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on March 20th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated: March 20th, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[93/13]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**NetZero (Demeter) Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2094754  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on March 17th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated: March 20th, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[93/14]

**YAME International Holdings Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 2015888  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 20th day of March, 2023.  
Dated this 20th day of March, 2023  
**Sgd. Brian Jackson**  
  
**Brian Jackson**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[9.15]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**Feeling Global Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of January, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register  
The Liquidator is:-  
**HUANG, PEI-XUAN**  
of No. 120, Xiacuo, Dayuan Dist., Taoyuan City 337008, Taiwan.  
[93/16]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**PROFITWISE WORLDWIDE LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of January, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register  
The Liquidator is:-  
**Gronmeyer Nils Stefan Helmut**  
of Elligersweg 21, 2. Etage, R 22307 Hamburg, Germany.  
[93/17]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**CL Message International Holdings Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of January, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register  
The Liquidator is:-  
**TANG Xiaobo**  
of No. 8, Sipo Team, Lingtang Village, Mingzhao Town, Hetang District, Zhuzhou City, Hunan, China.  
[93/18]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**CLGG International Holdings Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of January, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register  
The Liquidator is:-  
**TANG Xiaobo**  
of No. 8, Sipo Team, Lingtang Village, Mingzhao Town, Hetang District, Zhuzhou City, Hunan, China. [93/19]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**ZH Global Holdings Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of January, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register  
The Liquidator is:-  
**TANG Xiaobo**  
of No. 8, Sipo Team, Lingtang Village, Mingzhao Town, Hetang District, Zhuzhou City, Hunan, China. [93/20]



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**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**Creation Blue International Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of January, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register  
The Liquidator is:-  
**SONG Zhenguang**  
of Xiaqiaowan No. 004, Xinshi Village, Hetangpu County, Hetang District, Zhuzhou City, Hunan Province, China.  
[93/21]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**Unicorn Valley Investment Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of January, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register  
The Liquidator is:-  
**XU Mu**  
of Zhong Yin (Shenzhen) Law Firm, 8/F, North Tower, China Guangdong Nuclear Power Building, Futian District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province, China.  
[93/22]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**ZHUTING Education LTD**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of January, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register  
The Liquidator is:-  
**SHI Shaoqing**  
of No. 4, Lane 6, Longtan Village beside Guangshan Highway, Donghai Town, Lufeng City, Guangdong Province, China.  
[93/23]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**Goldshangyuan Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of January, 2023, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register  
The Liquidator is:-  
**LI Chenglong**  
of 178 Tayun Road, Yuexi, Wuzhong District, Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province, China  
[93/24]

**Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004.**

**MCAM Holding Ltd.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1573869  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 20th day of March 2023. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

**Ray A. George**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[93/25]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act**  
**AB Secondary II Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number: 1954094  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 10 March 2023. The Joint Liquidators are Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.  
Dated: 20 March 2023  
**Rachael Pape**  
For and on behalf of Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape  
As Joint Liquidators  
[93/26]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**TRI VISTA INTERNATIONAL LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1707774  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from March 20th, 2023.  
Dated: March 20th, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[93/27]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**RACINE GLOBAL LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1453874  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from March 20th, 2023.  
Dated: March 20th, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[93/28]

**Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004.**

**Little Door Investments Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1715430  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 15th day of December 2022. The Liquidator is **Robson Bastos de Alencar, Rua Manuel Hernandes Lopes 144, Ap 11, São Bernardo do Campo, Brazil. 09732-480.**

**Robson Bastos de Alencar**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[93/29]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**Golden Compass 88 Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1712847  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from March 20, 2023.  
Dated: March 21, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[93/30]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**CROUSTON MANAGEMENT LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1826887  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from March 20, 2023.  
Dated: March 21, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Delio Jose de Leon Mela**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[93/31]

**Bullion Assets Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1631852  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 20th day of March, 2023. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated this 21st day of March, 2023  
**Sgd. Brian Jackson**

**Brian Jackson**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[93/32]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**DROSERA HOLDINGS LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1791665  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on March 20th, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.  
Dated: March 21st, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[93/33]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**NetZero (Ares) Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2094753  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on March 21st, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.  
Dated: March 21st, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[93/34]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act**  
**STANWEX COMMERCIAL GROUP LTD.**

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 14 March 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** of 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.  
Dated 14 March 2023  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean**  
(Liquidator)  
[93/35]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**NetZero Poseidon Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2091215  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on March 21st, 2023. The Liquidator is **Nelcia St. Jean** with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.  
Dated: March 21st, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[93/36]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**INTERNET PARTNERS LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1569150  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from March 21st, 2023.  
Dated: March 21st, 2023  
**(Sgd.) Nelcia St. Jean**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[93/37]

**APPOINTMENT**  
**DERAMONA LIMITED**  
("the Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 609247

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **Deramona Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 20th March 2023. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB 425, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated 21st March 2023  
**Carmine Bailey**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[93/38]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act**  
**KCP Southlake International, Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number: 2016816  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 20 March 2023. The Liquidator is **Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated: 22 March 2023  
**(Sgd.) Rachael Pape**  
As Liquidator  
[93/39]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act**  
**Kawa Income, Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number: 2040627  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 20 March 2023. The Liquidator is **Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.**  
Dated: 22 March 2023  
**(Sgd.) Rachael Pape**  
As Liquidator  
[93/40]



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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(PROBATE)**

**VIRGIN ISLANDS  
BVIHPB 2023/0014**

**In the Estate of LEON PAZ TCHIMINO late of El Tamarugo  
1080 dep 131 Vitacura Santiago, Republic of Chile, deceased**

**ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by CAROLINA ILANA PAZ GUENDELMAN of Valle del Monasterio 2656 edificio 21 dep 22, Lo Barnechea, Santiago, Republic of Chile, Retired Businessperson, LILIAN GENTILE PAZ GUENDELMAN of San Francisco de Asis 1180, Las Condes, Santiago, Republic of Chile, retired Businessperson and ROBERTO EDUARDO PAZ GUENDELMAN of Avda Kennedy 3480 dep 73, Vitacura, Santiago, Republic of Chile, Retired Architect, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the only children of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 5th July, 2019 at Vitacura, Republic of Chile, a widower.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2023.

Filed by: SAMUELS RICHARDSON & CO

Legal Practitioners

whose address for service is

Wattley Building, 2nd Floor

PO Box 3410

Road Town, Tortola

British Virgin Islands

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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
VIRGIN ISLANDS  
(PROBATE)**

**PROBATE NO. 0053 OF 2023**

**IN THE ESTATE OF JESTINA NIBBS, LATE OF  
CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS, UNITED STATES  
VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED**

**ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF  
ADMINISTRATON**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ANTONIO NIBBS ENRIQUE of St. Thomas, United States, Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is son/issue of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 1st day of September, 1995.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 15th day of March 2023.

Filed by THORNTON SMITH, legal practitioners for the Applicants, whose address for service is: Capitol Chambers, Parson's Estate, Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, Applicants.

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*Notice of Appointment of a  
Liquidator under Section 204 of the  
BVI Business Companies Act*  
**Kawa Offshore Income, Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number: 2040629

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 20 March 2023. The Liquidator is Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 22 March 2023

*Rachael Pape*

As Liquidator

[93/41]

*Notice of Appointment of a  
Liquidator under Section 204 of the  
BVI Business Companies Act*  
**Violet Yarrow 4, Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number: 1750489

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 21 March 2023. The Joint Liquidators are Anton Goldstein and Rachael Pape of Conyers Dill & Pearman, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.

Dated 22 March 2023

*Rachael Pape*

*For and on behalf of Anton*

*Goldstein and Rachael Pape*

As Joint Liquidators

*Final Notice of Dissolution under The  
BVI Business Companies Act, 2004*  
**Balkan Business Buildings  
Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No: 1593952

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from March 21, 2023.

Dated: March 21, 2023

*Sgd: Philippa V. O'Sullivan*

Voluntary Liquidator

[93/43]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under The  
BVI Business Companies Act, 2004*  
**Phoenix Future (PTC) Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No: 2059373

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from March 20, 2023.

Dated: March 20, 2023

*Sgd: Pavel Voronkov*

Voluntary Liquidator

[93/44]

**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
VIRGIN ISLANDS  
2023/0052**

**In the estate of ANTHONY ESPINA, late of Flat H, 22/F,  
Block 1, Liberte, 833 Lai Chi Kok Road, Kowloon, Hong  
Kong, deceased**

TAKE NOTICE that ANDREA ATKINS of 21 London Court, Clayton, CA 94517 USA, DEBORAH ESPINA and JACQUELINE ESPINA both of 250 Mountaire Circle, Clayton, CA 94517 USA and KIMBERLY ESPINA of 363 Mt. Washington Way, Clayton, CA 94517 USA, the lawful children and intended administratrices of the estate of ANTHONY ESPINA, who died on the 6th day of February, 2022, domiciled in Hong Kong (the Deceased), have applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the estate of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the said ANDREA ATKINS, DEBORAH ESPINA, JACQUELINE ESPINA and KIMBERLY ESPINA, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.



Filed by O'Neal Webster, Attorneys-at-Law for the Administratrices, whose address for service is 2nd Floor Commerce House, 181 Main Street, P.O. Box 961, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG 1110.

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**IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**PROBATE NO. OF 2023**

**IN THE ESTATE OF MELWANI ARJANDAS HIRANAND,  
LATE OF FLAT E1, 18/F, VILLA MONTE ROSA, 41A  
STUBBS ROAD, HONG KONG, DECEASED**

NOTICE is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the probate of MELWANI ARJANDAS HIRANAND, also known as ARJANDAS HIRANAND MELWANI, ARJAN MELWANI, A H MELWANI and ARJAN H MELWANI, Deceased, late of Flat E1, 18/F, Villa Monte Rosa, 41A Stubbs Road, Hong Kong, granted to HOWSE CHRISTOPHER GUY, also known as CHRISTOPHER GUY HOWSE and BHARWANEY MOHAN TARACHAND, also known as MOHAN TARACHAND BHARWANEY by the Deputy Registrar of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with Grant No. HCAG004330/2022 on the 2nd day of June 2022.

*Harney Westwood & Riegels LP*  
Legal Practitioners for the Applicants

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(Probate)  
Virgin Islands**

**In the Estate of Tsang Wing Hong, late of Flat A,  
30th Floor, Monmouth Villa, 3 Monmouth Terrace,  
Hong Kong, deceased**

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days, application will be made by TSANG KAI WING of Flat A, 30th Floor, Monmouth Villa, 3 Monmouth Terrace, Hong Kong and TSANG KAI FAT of Flat F, 16th Floor, Tower 1, Upper RiverBank, 11 Muk Tai Street, Kai Tak, Kowloon, Hong Kong to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Grant of Probate of the Will of Tsang Wing Hong, late of Flat A, 30th Floor, Monmouth Villa, 3 Monmouth Terrace, Hong Kong, deceased granted to them by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Court of First Instance) on the 13th day of November, 2013.

Solicitors for TSANG KAI WING and TSANG KAI FAT, the Executors

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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS  
(PROBATE)  
BVIHPB 2023/**

**IN THE ESTATE OF LARRY EDWIN NUCKOLS,  
DECEASED of Wood Meadows, New Braunfels in the County  
of Comal and State of Texas**

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the probate of LARRY EDWIN NUCKOLS late of Wood Meadows, New Braunfels in the County of Comal and State of Texas granted by County Court of Law, Comal County, Texas on the 21st day of December 2022

Dated the 20th day of March, 2023.

*GEORGE HENRY PARTNERS LP*  
Solicitors for the Executor

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*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under  
Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.*  
**CHESHUNT HOLDINGS  
INTERNATIONAL  
CORPORATION**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2049976

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on March 22nd, 2023. The Liquidator is *Nelcia St. Jean* with an address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: March 22nd, 2023  
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*  
Voluntary Liquidator [93/45]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator  
under Section 204 of the BVI  
Business Companies Act.*  
**Paladio Capital Ltd.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2033994

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on March 21, 2023. The Liquidator is *Nelcia St. Jean*, with address at 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: March 22, 2023.  
(Sgd.) *Nelcia St. Jean*  
Voluntary Liquidator [93/46]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator  
under Section 204 of the BVI Business  
Companies Act, 2004*  
**GREATWAY INVESTMENT  
HOLDING LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2051353

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 17th day of March, 2023. The liquidator is *Philippa V O'Sullivan of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.*

Dated: 22nd day of March 2023  
(Sgd.) *Philippa V O'Sullivan*  
Voluntary Liquidator [93/47]

**Saturn Global Investment  
Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1980490

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 22nd day of March, 2023. The Liquidator is *Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 2196, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands.*

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2023  
*Sgd. Brian Jackson*  
Voluntary Liquidator [93/48]

**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
VIRGIN ISLANDS  
PROBATE NO. BVIHPB2023/0045**

**In the Estate of YEM CHAU, YAU MUI late of  
16 Essex Crescent, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon, Hong  
Kong, deceased**

**FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF  
APPLICATION FOR GRANT**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by TSANG KAM CHUEN of Tsang, Chan & Woo, Solicitors, 13th Floor, Tung Hip Commercial Building, 244 Des Voeux Road Central Hong Kong, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant not being a person entitled to a grant but making this application in accordance with Rule 10(g) of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Non-Contentious Probate and Administration of Estates) Rules 2017.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 20th March 2023

Filed by Conyers Dill and Pearman, Legal Practitioners for the Applicants, whose address for service is Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, P.O. Box 3140, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1110. Tel: 1 (284) 852 1000 Fax: 1 (284) 1001  
Email: [Robert.Lindley@conyers.com](mailto:Robert.Lindley@conyers.com)

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**IN THE MATTER of the Estate of  
RUDOLPH EDISON GEORGE,  
late of Belle Vue,**

TAKE NOTE that Sally-Ann George and Randolph George, the Joint Administrators of the Estate of Rudolph George, d, who died on the 19th day of July 2021 at the D. Orlando Smith Hospital, Road Town, Tortola HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that all persons having any claim or interest as a creditor of the Estate, do file a full statement with details of any such claim to the Joint Administrators in care of their legal practitioners at: Hunte & Co, 123 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola or Creque Global Group, Mandar House, Johnson's Ghut, Road Town, Tortola within thirty (30) days of the publication of this Notice

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*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004*  
**PARVEST HOLDINGS LTD**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company Number 1907764  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1), subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 21 March 2023. The Liquidator is **Lewis S. Hunte, KC** of 123 Main Street, P.O. Box 3504, Road Town, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands.  
 Dated: 23rd day of March, 2023  
*Sgd. Lewis S. Hunte, KC*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [93/47]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004*  
**LENBERG INVESTMENTS LTD**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company Number 1907765  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1), subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 21 March 2023. The Liquidator is **Lewis S. Hunte, KC** of 123 Main Street, P.O. Box 3504, Road Town, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands.  
 Dated: 23rd day of March, 2023  
*Sgd. Lewis S. Hunte, KC*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [93/48]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004*  
**LOUCIA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 1704056  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 21st day of March, 2023. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O'Sullivan** of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands.  
 Dated: 21st day of March, 2023  
*(Sgd.) Philippa V. O'Sullivan*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [93/49]

HCCW 36 / 2023  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE COMPANIES (WINDING-UP) NO. 36 OF 2023**

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**IN THE MATTER of the COMPANIES (WINDING UP AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE, CAP.32 and IN THE MATTER of ORIENTAL DAY INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**  
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NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition for the winding up of the above-named Company by the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region was, on the 20th day of January 2023, presented to the said Court by HIGH RHINE LIMITED whose address is Mandar House, 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 2196, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands. And that said Petition is directed to be heard before the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region at 10:00 a.m. on the 29th day of March 2023 (Hong Kong Time); and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated the 18th day of March 2023.

**HOLMES LAWYERS**

Solicitors for the Petitioner  
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 Ref. : DH/LIT/000010/2022

NOTE : - Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served, or if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than 6 o'clock in the afternoon of the 28th day of March 2023 (Hong Kong Time).

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## A Legendary Caribbean Beach Bar Hotel Is Back in the BVI

(Caribbean Journal)

The Caribbean's most legendary beach bar hotel has a long-awaited reopening date, Caribbean Journal has learned. The Sandcastle at Soggy Dollar, the boutique beach hotel at the world-famous Soggy Dollar Bar on Jost Van Dyke in the British Virgin Islands, will begin welcoming back guests on May 15, the Soggy Dollar confirmed.

"We are very excited to be reopening Sandcastle at Soggy Dollar," the property said in a statement. For now, reservations will only be accepted six months in advance of arrival; all guests must be a minimum of 25 years old, the hotel said.

Sandcastle is launching a special pre-access for reservations at the hotel, with the first slots opening up on March 30 at 10 AM.

The return of Sandcastle is actually part of a wider hotel renaissance in Jost Van Dyke, which also includes the spectacular new Hideout hotel, also on White Bay, that opened last year. That hotel has quickly become one of the hottest boutique resorts in the Caribbean, thanks in large part to its signature amenity: a plunge pool in every villa.



Sandcastle at Soggy Dollar.



*It is a triumphant return for a beloved boutique hotel that has been shuttered since Hurricane Irma back in 2017.*



## Farmers Reap \$108 Million in Revenue in first Two Months of 2023 through Revolutionary ALEX Platform

KINGSTON, Jamaica; March 17, 2023: Tourism Minister, Hon. Edmund Bartlett has announced that during the first two months of the year, 490 farmers have earned approximately \$108 million in revenue via the Agri-Linkages Exchange (ALEX) platform, which was designed to connect small farmers directly with buyers within the tourism industry.

The Minister also noted that at the close of 2022, produce worth over \$330 million was sold through the ALEX in 2022, benefiting 1,733 farmers and 671 buyers registered on the platform.

The Minister made this announcement during a 'Coffee Farmers' Trade Day' expo at the University of Technology (UTech) in St. Andrew on Tuesday (March 14).

"We have been working on a game-changing technology, by way of ALEX, which is a platform that connects you the small farmers connect directly with the buyers hotels... That's a huge development and for the first two months of the year, \$108 million was made," said Minister Bartlett.

This groundbreaking initiative, a joint venture between the Ministry of Tourism and the Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA), has transformed the way hoteliers and farmers interact, effectively reducing leakages and ensuring that Jamaica retains more of the economic benefits of tourism. ALEX, the first online platform of its kind in the country, allows farmers to plan better for seasonality in crops and provides information on the geographic location of specific crops.

The success of the platform was celebrated during the recent 'Coffee Farmers' Trade Day' expo, where farmers from Portland, St. Andrew, and St. Thomas came together to showcase their products. The event was organized by RADA and the Jamaica Agricultural Commodities Regulatory Authority (JACRA), with support from the Tourism Enhancement Fund (TEF).

"This Farmers' Day Expo was organized to bring home the stark reality that the opportunity for you [the farmers] to grow, expand, earn, and be prosperous from tourism is now better than it ever was in the history of tourism in Jamaica," said Minister Bartlett.

The event forms part of the month-long activities for the Blue Mountain Coffee Festival, slated for Saturday, March 25. Tickets for the festival can be purchased online at [www.touchstonelink.com](http://www.touchstonelink.com) or from authorized vendors, including Blue Brews Bistro, Rituals Coffee House, Starbucks, Cannon Ball Café, Café Blue, Island Coffees Café, and Deaf Can Coffee.

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# Ukrainian Patriot Air Defense Crew Finishes Training Ahead of Schedule



*A Patriot missile mobile launcher is displayed outside the Fort Sill Army Post near Lawton, Oklahoma, March 21, 2023. Soldiers from Ukraine have been training on the weapon system at Fort Sill since January.*

Since January, 65 Ukrainian soldiers have been training at Fort Sill, a U.S. Army base in Oklahoma, to operate a Patriot air defense system. The troops expect to graduate in March and return to Ukraine to begin deploying the mobile air defense system.

Given the sensitivity around the advanced training, the Pentagon has forbidden photographs of the participating soldiers and declined to allow VOA to name them. But Voice of America journalist Ostap Yarysh traveled to Fort Sill and observed the group firsthand.

## Rapid field training

An American instructor watches Ukrainian soldiers deploy a big radar in the field.

"Our military deploys a Patriot battery in 40 to 45 minutes," he said. "Ukrainians manage it in 25. They do a great job. They are very optimistic, considering the situation at home."

Among the Ukrainian men and women who traveled to Oklahoma, the youngest is 19, the oldest is 67. For the past 10 weeks, using an accelerated program developed by the Pentagon that has them training at least 10 hours a day, six days a week, they have worked to master the Patriot air defense system.

Tuesday was one of the final training sessions in the field. In a few days, the team will be ready to graduate.

Strong winds, like Tuesday's, are typical on the plains of southern Oklahoma. They do not obstruct the training: A group of Ukrainian soldiers smoothly deploys a Patriot battery in the middle of the field and brings it to combat readiness. In addition to several launchers, the battery includes a radar, an electric power plant and a control station — all of which are on wheels.

"I think of those components as the body parts," said one instructor at Fort Sill who has been involved in the training but asked not to be named.

The "control station is kind of like the brains of the operation," he said. "Radar, I like to call it the eyes. It's what sees everything. Power plant is what gives the body all the nutrients, because it throws all the power out. And then launchers are what I call my arms and legs, because that's what does all the actual fighting. That's how I explained it to a lot of my unit students."

The training program was designed so Ukrainians can master each of the components separately and then learn how to maintain them together. Some exercises take place

outdoors, while others take place in classrooms or on simulators.

The Ukrainian training differs from the Pentagon's usual course because it was tailored specifically for the war in Ukraine. Instead of classic air combat scenarios, this course is based on battle experience fighting Russia's invasion.

## Combat experience

"They are the best of the best in what they do in air defense for Ukraine," said Brigadier General Shane Morgan, who is the commanding general of the Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill. "Our assessment is that the Ukrainian soldiers are impressive, and absolutely a quick study due to their extensive air defense knowledge and experience in a combat zone. It was easier, though never easy, for them to grasp the Patriot system operations and maintenance concepts."

For the U.S. Patriot training, Ukraine handpicked military personnel who had significant experience in intercepting air attacks. That allowed the Pentagon to shrink the course length from its usual six months to 10 weeks.

American instructors say one of the challenges of the training was the language barrier, because not all of the Ukrainian soldiers were proficient in English. However, the Pentagon quickly found a solution: They brought interpreters and translators to Fort Sill.

In the end, it turned out to be beneficial for both parties.

"We have learned as much from them as what we have taught them," said one of the Fort Sill senior leaders, who declined to provide his name.

"Ukrainians had real combat experience. Many of the Ukrainian armed forces have engaged and destroyed Russian threats," he said. "I would say thankfully, most of our soldiers

have not had to actually do that. That's provided us some thoughts on tactics, techniques and procedures that we may not have thought about."

## New capabilities

The Patriot is one of the most advanced air defense systems in the world. It can detect a threat within a radius of 150 km and intercept cruise and ballistic missiles as well as aircraft and other targets at an altitude of 20 km.

Patriots are also highly mobile, can intercept several targets simultaneously and are resistant to electronic jamming.

Launchers come in different configurations, with four PAC-2 missiles, or with 16 PAC-3 missiles. At Fort Sill, the Ukrainians trained on both.

U.S. defense officials say that the Patriot will be an addition to other short- and medium-range air defense systems provided to Ukraine by the U.S. and allies. Together, this should create a multilayered system of protection of the Ukrainian sky and help defend against various attacks from ballistic missiles to kamikaze drones.

"Patriot is not going to be able to defend the entire city like Kyiv," said one of the Fort Sill

senior leaders. "The area that Patriot can defend varies based on the threat. If it's a cruise missile, it may be able to defend a little large area, but with more advanced ballistic missiles, it may be a little smaller."

## Crews ready

Despite the compressed timetable, the American trainers say the Ukrainian crews are fully prepared.

"I'm very proud of the training we've done here," said an instructor at Fort Sill. "I have full confidence in the Patriot systems and in Ukrainian soldiers who are operating them."

The U.S. will transfer one Patriot battery to Ukraine. Another will come from Germany and the Netherlands. These countries also organized training for other Ukrainian air defense teams.

When they graduate from Fort Sill, the Ukrainian soldiers will receive a final stage of training in Europe on combat coordination with their colleagues. The Pentagon said it expects that Patriot systems will be working in Ukraine in the coming weeks.

## Before you discipline a child

**S** - stop! Calm yourself and your child

**T** - take a few deep breaths

**O** - observe the needs of your child

**P** - proceed in a kind but firm manner







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